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The Subscriber Offers For Sale
Part of Lot 29 of the Pennsylvania Company's Tract, Township of Waterloo, containing 158 acres, more or less, at present occupied by Levi Stauffer. For further particulars apply to J. J. MASON, Trustee.
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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Stockholders' Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway Company, a special meeting of the Company is hereby called to convene in Parlor No. 1 at the Palmer House, in the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, on Wednesday, the 22d day of December next, at 2 o'clock p. m.
The purpose of the meeting is to consider and pass upon a proposed lease agreement between this Company and the Western Indiana Railroad Company in respect to depot accommodations in the City of Chicago. And also to consider the question of transferring to the Grand Trunk Junction Railway Company the rights, privileges, and property secured to it by said lease agreement and the terms and conditions of such transfer.
CHAS. PERCY,
Secretary and Treasurer,
Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway Company.

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MONEY TO LOAN
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MEAD & COE,
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FIRM CHANGES.

DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting under the firm name of "Morley, Baker & Co." and engaged in business at 54 and 56 Franklin-st., Chicago, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent, A. E. Morley retiring.
A. E. MORLEY,
W. S. BAKER.
J. J. MITCHELL.

COPARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership, under the firm name of "W. S. Baker & Co." and will continue the business of the late firm of "Morley, Baker & Co." at the old stand.
W. S. BAKER.
J. J. MITCHELL.

SEALSKIN CAPS.

SEALSKIN CAPS, Alexis, Driving, College, Jockey, and Roll Band shapes, made from choice Shetland and Alaska Seal. Lowest Prices at BARNES' Hat and Fur Store, 86 Madison-st. (Tribune Building).

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WILLOUGHBY, HILL & CO., "ESQ.,"
"Resident" Managers and Proprietors of the Daylight Clothing Houses, noted for "Square Dealing," and don't forget "that."

Is this a cat and a kit?
Oh, yes, it is a cat and a kit.
Can you hear the cat and the kit?
Oh, yes, I can hear the cat and the kit.
The cat is the dam of the kit.
'Dam the cat and the kit.

"'Dam" (defined), to obstruct, to restrain the flow of, by a dam, to confine by constructing a dam, as a stream of water, "to shut up."
"The strait pass was dammed, with dead men hurt behind, and cowards."—Shakspeare.
Shakspeare never sat behind a straight flush with the kind of resignation Ingersoll speaks of; then, we don't mean what you do by the (Dam) word, anyway.
Now, Willoughby, Hill & Co. could advertise just the same as these "dark" Eastern branch stores and others, and say: "Just received, 1,000 O'Coats at $5, worth $10; 5,000 Suits at $12, worth $18; 3,000 doz. Underwear at $1.25 that every one else sells at $1.50 and $2; four times as much stock as any one else; selling three times as many goods as any one else, sell better goods than any one else; sell goods 33, yes 33 (but they would just as quick say 50) per cent cheaper than any one else; employ 100 men, when they employ but 22. Just read the advertisements in Sunday papers. Why, the parties advertising haven't store-room for 5,000, 10,000, 50,000, 150,000, 300,000, 1,000,000 of the many different kinds of goods they advertise, let alone the "immense" capital necessary to carry such "immense" quantities of—*what kind of goods must they be?* to be sold all the year round for half the cost. Don't you think there is some considerable humbug about such adveatisements? Now, Willoughby, Hill & Co. are trying to attract the readers of this paper in another way to their store, to their manner of trading. One thing you may rest assured of, we will never knowingly misrepresent our goods or our prices. We will never advertise anything we can't "back up." Untruthful advertisers will come to grief some time; the people will get sick of going to stores to see "goods thrown away," etc., etc.
"Good" goods will bring their value.
The laborer is worthy of his hire, and money is too easy to get with "good goods" as security. Sacrifice of goods or merchandise is not necessary with the times as they are to-day. Be not "bamboozled" by cakes of Cashmere Bouquet Soap two or three cents less than it actually cost, and other baits of well-known and much-used articles.
All goods bought of Willoughby, Hill & Co. can be returned just when you please, if not soiled, and your money will be handed back to you cheerfully. You can take our goods into any store, and if you can do better return them to

WILLOUGHBY, HILL & CO.,
America's Greatest Clothiers, and Dealers in All Goods Worn by the Male Sex,
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Also cor. Blue Island-av. and Twelfth-st.
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St. Louis "interlectually" "brainless" Clothing dealers can copy this adv. as usual, but don't two of you do it on the same Sunday; 'tis such a bad give-away.

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THE "MARS" COLOGNE
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MAKERS OF THE
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In Three Tints, viz.: White, Roseate, and Brunette.

PROPOSALS.

IN ACCORDANCE
with the action of the City Council, the undersigned will receive sealed proposals until Dec. 4, 1880, for lighting streets with gas mains and lamps and with other material than gas. Bids must specify the kind of material to be used in each lamp, the price per lamp per night, the price per month and the price per year for which they will furnish all material and do the lighting, cleaning, and repairing of said lamps. Lamps to be lighted and extinguished in accordance with the present time-table until changed by order of the City Council. All lamps to be cleaned as often as required. Proposals must be addressed to the City Comptroller and marked "Proposals for lighting the streets." Right reserved to reject any or all bids.
THEODORE T. GURNEY, Comptroller.

The Tribune.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1880

MR. FRENCH, Auditor of the Bureau of Railroads, will, in his forthcoming report, favor the consolidation of the Central Pacific and Union Pacific Roads. He fears that if the consolidation does not take place the roads will fall into the hands of the owners of the first-mortgage bonds, and the Government will be thus deprived of considerable revenue. He will recommend Congress to legislate for a uniform freight and passenger rate on the inter-State lines, for the investigation of accidents with a view to providing against their too frequent occurrence, and to compel roads to make annual reports to Congress of the character and quantity of their business.

GEN. GARFIELD was called on yesterday by the Ohio Presidential Electors, Gov. Foster, Secretary-of-State Barnes, Treasurer Turvey, and other Ohio officials. In reply to their words of congratulation, Gen. Garfield delivered a brief speech, in which he referred to the responsibilities to which he was called by the people of the Nation, and expressed his purpose to do as much as he could to interpret the will of the people and to realize their aspirations in favor of liberty, culture, and progress. The people, he said, wanted peace, prosperity, and just and equal laws. The visitors, with the exception of Gov. Foster, then withdrew.

THE cable man is at it again. He says that there is no reason for doubting that Parnell and his fellow-traversers will have a fair trial, and then goes on to describe the manner of selecting juries at Assizes Court. Now this manner of choosing the jury will not be employed in the case of the Land-Leaguers, who are to be tried in the Court of Queen's Bench, and that is probably why they are to be tried in that court. The jury to try them will be nothing less than a packed jury, as the Crown has the privilege of unlimited challenge, while the defense can challenge only twelve jurors peremptorily.

THE immigration of the colored people into Indiana is giving considerable trouble to some of the Catholic priests of that State. Many of the colored immigrants are Catholics, and send their children to the Catholic schools. The white Catholic parents in a very uncatholic spirit object to this, but the pastors are generally on the side of toleration and liberality. Father Audrain, of Jeffersonville, is a strong advocate of doing away with the color line, not only in the church and school, but in social and political life as well.

THE Walnut Valley Elevator and Bonanza Mills of E. K. White, at Eldorado, Kas., were destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is about $20,000. The insurance is quite small. O'Brien Bros.' plug tobacco factory at Covington, Ky., was reduced to ashes yesterday. The loss is about $12,000, and the insurance about $8,500. Crawford's Opera-House, at Topeka, Kas., which was only opened last spring, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is about $30,000. The insurance $15,000. T. F. Malone's store at Eau Claire, Wis., was damaged $15,000 worth.

AMONG the distinguished people whose deaths were reported yesterday are Father John Summers, a Jesuit priest attached to Gonzaga College, Washington; Father Julian Benoit, a relative to the late Bishop Benoit, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne; Capt. Frederick Cameron, of the United States Navy, who commanded the Macedonian, which took provisions to the victims of Irish famine in 1848, and who commanded the first vessel that took passengers from New York to San Francisco.

MESSRS. PARNELL, Biggar, T. D. Sullivan, Sexton, and Dillon, five of the indicted Land-Leaguers, are also members of Parliament, and they do not like the idea of having their trials proceed while the proposed Land bill is being discussed in the House of Commons. They will each file an affidavit that the trial, if commenced on the 27th inst., will interfere with their privileges as members of the House of Commons, and they will ask for a postponement on that ground. It will hardly be granted.

AT a meeting at Atlanta, Ga., yesterday, which was presided over by Senator Joseph E. Brown, it was resolved to hold in that city next November an International Cotton Exposition. The plan contemplates a grand international display of appliances and machinery used in the manufacture of cotton, together with the various fabrics made from it. A committee of prominent cotton-growers was appointed to carry out the purpose of the meeting.

REVENUE-AGENT MEYER, who was sent by Gen. Raum to investigate the charges made by J. Lloyd King against Deputy-Collector Lanier, his Republican competitor for Congress in the Fifth Louisiana District, has made a report acquitting Mr. Lanier of all the charges. He holds that Mr. Lanier is a faithful, competent, and excellent public servant, doing his full duty at grave peril to his life and safety.

CHIEF BROOKS thinks that he can yet prove that ex-Chief Wood, who has been criticising him, has received $5,000 from the United States Government for an electrotype of a counterfeit plate which Brockway says is buried in the ground some twelve feet deep, but which he can yet recover. Brooks does not like Wood,—that's certain.

THE libel suit of the Rev. Henry C. Yates against Mr. Nelson F. Swartwout, now being tried at Dixon in this State, has developed some evidence which does not reflect much credit on the reverend complainant. It appears from the testimony that he has been rather importunate with some of the lady members of his flock.

MRS. CASEY, of Toronto, was found sleeping yesterday morning beside the roasted bodies of her two children. She was uninjured, and has been arrested on a charge of having murdered them. Their bodies appeared as if they had been soaked with coal oil and then set on fire.

TOCANELLI, an eminent entomologist and a member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, said, when addressing that body yesterday, that American mildew was more destructive to Italian vines than phylloxera, and that it had spread to a considerable extent through Italy.

ENGLAND has not yet been convinced that the naval demonstration gotten up under her auspices has been a miserable fizzle. To keep up a sort of show she proposes that when the international fleet breaks up the component parts shall play hide-and-seek in the bays and inlets of Turkey and Greece. Russia humors the joke, but the other Powers consider it too ridiculous to proceed with.

IT is said that the President has determined to appoint Gen. O. O. Howard to succeed Gen. Schofield at West Point, and that the latter will be given command of one of the military divisions of the Southwest. Gen. Sherman is opposed to the appointment of Gen. Howard.

EX-ALD. DALY, the author of the ordinance providing for the licensing of street-cars, holds that there is no doubt as to the constitutionality of the ordinance. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, he says, has decided a similar ordinance passed for Philadelphia valid.

CHAPLAIN STOECKER'S fulminations against the Jews have been distributed through the University of Gottingen by some malcontent busybodies. To the credit of the students they have resented by sending a written protest to the Rector of the University.

IMMIGRANTS coming to this country have a hard time of it. They are maltreated and ill-fed on shipboard, and fleeced by boarding-house and railroad sharps when they get here. The struggle between the trunk lines for their patronage may redound to their benefit.

THE American Bible Society celebrated the semi-millenial anniversary at the New York Academy of Music last night. Several distinguished clergymen and laymen of the various Protestant denominations were present. The Rev. Dr. Storrs delivered the eulogy.

VERY few Irish farmers will pay a rent higher than Griffith's valuation. Those who pay more are looked upon as black sheep by their neighbors. Parnell has returned to Dublin after a short absence, in anticipation of some important political developments.

KENNETH MCLEOD was bound for his home in Canada with $5,550 which he obtained on false representations from Reynolds & Co., bankers, of Oil City, Pa. He was intercepted at Cleveland, and the money was found sewed up in his shirt.

GEN. SHERMAN has been trying to secure the retirement of Gen. McDowell for some time. The latter's offense has been that he came all the way from San Francisco to vote for Gen. Garfield in Ohio. It is probable that Gen. McDowell will not be retired.

ONE ship which sailed from Havre on the 11th, and about a dozen which sailed from European ports on the 13th of November for New York, have not yet arrived. The violent Atlantic storms of last week and the preceding week account for the delay.

R. B. FOSTER, James Galloway, and Samuel Logan, judges of election of Manchester, Va., were arrested yesterday for having illegally refused to receive the ballots of colored voters on the day of the Presidential election.

GEN. GONZALES was peaceably inaugurated as President of our neighboring and sister Republic yesterday. Ex-President Diaz becomes his Minister of Public Works, and Señor Mariscal his Secretary of State.

LAISANT, who acted the part of coward during the Franco-Prussian War, has challenged Viscount St. Vincente for saying so. Laisant, coward though he be, wants notoriety even at the cost of some gore.

SOME St. Louis speculators are working up a corner on December corn, and it looks now as if they would make it lively for the "shorts." The purpose is to send the price up to 50 cents.

PRESCOTT, Ont., is excited over a case of grave-robbing. The bodies of Daniel McNutt and Mrs. Dinsmore have been stolen from their graves in the cemetery near that town.

ACCORDING to the Weather Bureau predictions, we are to have stationary or lower temperature, north to west winds, and partly cloudy weather in this region to-day.

THE steamer Devon, which arrived at New York yesterday, reports having sighted a ship on fire on the Atlantic on the 27th of November. She had been abandoned.

GEN. ROBERTS will receive the freedom of the City of London and a jeweled sword from the London Aldermen in recognition of his services in Afghanistan.

GEN. HAZEN will get the position which rumor gave to Gen. Miles about a week ago—viz.: the office vacated by the death of Gen. Myer.

THE United States Mints turned out $4,574,200 in gold coin, and $2,300,000 in silver during the month of November.

THE Albanian League has dissolved, and with its dissolution ends opposition to Montenegrin rule in Dulcigno.

THE rainy season has fairly set in on the Pacific Coast, much to the satisfaction of the farmers of that region.

DUNHAM & SONS, piano manufacturers of New York, have failed. Liabilities, $40,000; assets not ascertained.

MOUNT VESUVIUS has once more commenced to boil and bubble and vomit forth volcano.

ANOTHER "CORNER."

St. Louis the Locality, and Corn the Agent.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—The indications are even this early in the month that there is a corner in December corn. It is said the month is oversold some 3,000,000 bushels, and that nearly all the "short" contracts are held by a strong commission house here, which, in view of all present and probable future circumstances, it is believed it will be able to control the deal and realize a very handsome profit. It is thought by some speculators that corn will be forced up to 50 cents before the deal is settled. Toledo is said to be "short" to St. Louis to a considerable amount for December.

THE OHIO COAL FLEET.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—The coal shipments on the present rise are 3,445,000 bushels, of which 2,589,000 bushels, in eighty-one barges, fifty-seven boats, and eleven tugs, are for Louisville, and 856,000 bushels, in 26 nine barges, seven boats, and two tugs, are for Cincinnati.

DISCRETION THE BETTER PART.

BUFFALO, Dec. 2.—A duel which was to have been fought between Lawrence Trimble and John Benton, of Covington, Ky., was thwarted by the non-appearance of Benton. Trimble, accompanied by W. N. Wade, also of Covington, was at Niagara Falls to-day, but the Benton party did not arrive.

WASHINGTON.

Report of Richard W. Thompson, Commander of the Whole Navee.

He Thinks We Need More Cruisers to Sail the Far-Off Seas;

But Closes with the Gratifying Assurance that Our Flag Is Still There.

Congress to Sit Monday, and Only Twenty Congressmen Have Shown Themselves.

Probability that Ex-Chief Wood, of the Secret Service, Sold a Counterfeit-Counterfeit to Uncle Sam.

A Plan for a New Library Building, Including "Cycle and Epicycle, Orb in Orb."

Questions Asked by Lanier which Bulldozer King Should Answer Promptly.

Reports of Controller Lawrence, of the Treasury, and Railroad-Auditor French.

The President's Leaning to Hazen Now Considered Fatal to Miles' Chances —Christiancy.

THE NAVY.

SECRETARY THOMPSON'S REPORT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The annual report of Secretary Thompson is made public.

The total gross amount amount available for the year was $14,706,642, subject to deduction by a surplus fund warrant of $1,998, which leaves the net amount at $14,704,644. The expenditures were $12,916,639, leaving a balance unexpended at the end of the year of $1,788,005. To this, however, should be added the net amount unexpended in the hands of pay officer, as shown at the office of the Fourth Auditor, $353,677, which shows the net expenditures for the fiscal year were $2,141,682 less than the amount applicable therefor.

PENSIONS.

The number of navy pensions on the rolls June 30, 1880, was 3,930, and the amount paid during the year on account of pensions $752,771. The total amount available for the operations of the present fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, is $15,095,061, and the total estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882, are $15,953,761.

The Secretary recommends the repeal of the proviso to the act of June 17, 1878, so as to restore to the President authority to appoint ten cadet midshipmen at large annually.

Calling attention to the growing commercial importance of

THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN STATES,

whose trade is likely to pass entirely out of our hands if prompt and vigorous measures are not taken to secure it, the Secretary continues: "All that the Navy Department can properly do to this end has been done. I have deemed it an imperative public duty to send our ships-of-war into as many of their ports as possible, with a view of enabling the authorities and people of those countries to understand that it is our desire to cultivate with them the most amicable commercial relations, and that both their own interest and ours would be thereby promoted. The products of South America which reach the Pacific Coast can only reach this country by way of San Francisco or the Isthmus of Panama. Consequently, I have also felt it my duty to inaugurate such steps as were calculated to establish more intimate relations with the States and people upon each side of that isthmus. The authority of the Secretary of the Navy is limited upon this subject, and does not extend beyond the location of stations at points where our vessels touch or may be induced to touch, in order to promote commercial intercourse where it is already established, or to invite it where it is not. I have, therefore, caused steps to be taken for the establishment of coaling station upon each side of

THE ISTHMUS

at points eminently suitable, both as regards naval uses and the commerce of that region. The one on the east side is located at Chiriqui Lagoon, in the Caribbean Sea, and in the immediate vicinity of veins of coal already opened; and that on the west at the Bay of Golfito, a part of the Gulf of Dulce on the Pacific. The distance between them is less than 100 miles. The only two safe and sufficiently commodious harbors on the isthmus are at these points, and, although the Department did not before making the deposits of coal acquire title to the lands occupied, yet it assured itself that no difficulty would be likely to arise on that score. Although it was not anticipated that any political objection would be made to a preliminary examination and survey of those waters with so useful an object to those ports as well as to this Government in view, yet careful instructions were given to the commanders of vessels assigned to the performance of the duty to the effect that if either Government interposed any objection to the movement they should

IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND OPERATIONS

and report the matter to the Department, in order that it might be made the subject of diplomatic negotiation. Inasmuch, however, as no obstacle of this kind was encountered, either at the Chiriqui Lagoon or Golfito, coal in sufficient quantities was deposited at each harbor, and now remains there for future use by our vessels whenever it may be needed. The question of acquiring title to a sufficient quantity of land upon these harbors is necessarily left for subsequent action of the Government. The initiatory steps have also been taken to establish a like station at Punta Arenas in Costa Rica, and it is believed the Department will be enabled to accomplish this before the expiration of many months.

"It would be greatly to the advantage of the United States, and contribute much towards the economical management of the Navy Department, if acquisitions similar to those I have mentioned were made in other parts of the world within the courses of our existing and contemplated commerce.

THE STRONG MARITIME POWERS OF EUROPE

employ great vigilance in this particular, and we should not be behind them in doing what we legitimately and properly can to extend our maritime influence over the world."

Concluding his report, Secretary Thompson calls attention to the special relations between the navy and the commerce of the country. "The subject," he says, "has gained fresh importance by the constantly increasing surplus of our agricultural and manufacturing products now being sent by sea to all parts of the world. To this immense commerce the navy is the necessary ally, and must at all times be prepared to furnish it protection. It is impossible to do this effectually unless a sufficient number of the right kind of vessels are constructed, not for cruisers merely, but for all purposes of war when an emergency shall require it. The cruisers now have are constantly employed in various seas, and it is gratifying to know that our flag is much respected in all parts of the world."

Very few instances have occurred where our merchant vessels have been interfered with. But undoubtedly it is true that, whether the navy be regarded as a protector of our commerce or as an essential means of defense, the number of vessels should be increased, and it is equally true that good policy requires the National Government to employ all its legitimate powers to increase the strength of our mercantile marine, so that it may become commensurate with all the wants and necessities of our commerce. The increase of one should be proportionate to that of the other. Our material wealth is in large degree the product of our commerce upon the ocean. As this is extended, so will our wealth be increased, and as at no time in the past has this wealth increased so rapidly as at present, now is a most opportune time for us to extend to it

THE NECESSARY DEGREE OF PROTECTION.

This is conceded on all hands, but about the best method of doing it there are differences of opinion.

It is not the province of Congress to build vessels for the merchant service, nor is it expedient or possible to allow commercial articles to be transported upon vessels of war, but it undoubtedly is within its constitutional powers to give the necessary protection to our shipbuilding interests so as to justify an increase of our mercantile marine to such extent as the necessities of our commerce shall require. It is entirely competent to arrange with private shipbuilders with reference to the extension of our postal service upon the ocean, and to require that vessels used for that purpose shall be so constructed that in the event of war they may be employed immediately for war purposes. Such vessels, built both for strength and speed, would add most materially in case of necessity to our means of national defense, and the increase of our naval force by this means would soon enable us to compete upon the ocean with

THE STRONGEST NAVAL POWERS IN THE WORLD.

England owes her present naval superiority to this policy, and it serves no valuable purpose to contrast our condition with hers unless we shall profit by her example. So long as her merchant vessels built under her protection and patronage are allowed to draw annually from our wealth about one hundred millions of dollars as compensation for freighting our commerce, just so long will our inferiority exist. Whenever our own commerce shall be carried on in vessels owned and built by our own people capable of being turned into ships of war when necessary, then we shall reach a point of equality with her and be prepared when necessity shall arise to test with her the question of superiority upon the sea. Before the War we had nearly succeeded in running British vessels from the ocean, and since, then have contented ourselves with uttering complaints against England for her agency in destroying ours while the War was in progress. The time for active and energetic measures has now arrived, and every future year of neglect will add to our inferiority.

CONGRESS.

TARDINESS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—If the statements of the few Congressmen in town are worth anything, there is an earnest disposition to rush the Appropriation bills through and adjourn. But, unfortunately, experience has demonstrated that it is only a sentiment, and one that never stands the test of practical legislation. Reduced to actual fact, there is now but a single day between us and the beginning of the session, and not a step has been taken toward expediting the public business. So far from having any of the Appropriation bills ready before the beginning of the session, as is usually the case, there are but four members of the Appropriations Committee in the city. Others may be in during the night, but will not be ready for business before Monday.

NOT TWO-SCORE OF CONGRESSMEN

all told have reported for duty. None of the sub-committees have been able to secure a quorum of two, and a member remarked this even ing that it would be extremely doubtful whether a quorum of the House would be here Monday. An old member said: "There is but one item of news to me, and that is, I never saw Congressmen come in so slowly. I can't find anybody. Nothing is being done. There won't be an Appropriation bill reported before the holidays, when everybody will want to get home again." This is certainly nearer the truth than those who so confidently predict an early disposition of legislative work. So far as the simple consideration of Appropriation bills is concerned, this might be all passed before the last of January, but the incidental party questions require more time.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL,

for which the estimates are all ready, will be considered by the whole Committee on Commerce, of which Mr. Reagan is Chairman, instead of going through the preliminary sub-Committee, as is customary. Reagan is one of the hardest-working members of the House, but it is doubtful whether this bill can be made ready in less than six weeks. It was two months last year before the River and Harbor bill was reported. There is not a delegation from any State but has a scheme to be recognized in this bill.

MR. SAPP

stated to-day that his entire delegation would urge a large appropriation for the systematic improvement of the Missouri River. When the United States Marshals are reached, the same old fight is to be gone over again. Mr. Cobb says there are but two things for the Democrats to do, and that is to stand by their record as to Marshals, or stultify themselves. For his part, he will stand by his record, if he is left, like Casabianca, on the burning deck. He and others supported the Marshals bill out of principle, and not for party purposes. There are other Democrats, however, who talk differently, and are in favor of abandoning the struggle.

BROCKWAY.

CHIEF BROOKS ON EX-CHIEF WOOD.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Col. William P. Wood, formerly Chief of the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department, in his general statement published in New York, has made charges which may lead to an investigation of his own career as Chief of the Division. Chief Brooks says that Wood, who professes to thoroughly know all four of the recently-arrested counterfeiters, actually knows only one,—Brockway,—to whom he had written several letters, and with whom he has at different times held relations. These letters to Brockway have been surrendered to the Government, and, while Brooks is not yet ready to reveal their contents, he has no hesitation in saying that they do relate in part to the plate placed by Wood in the custody of the Treasury Department some years ago, alleged to be the original upon which the counterfeit 7.30s were printed

DURING SECRETARY M'CULLOCH'S ADMINISTRATION.

Wood has claimed that this plate was an electrotype made from a lead impression taken from the genuine dies in the Treasury Building. For this service Mr. Wood made a claim for $7,500, of which he received $5,000. Mr. Brooks says it has been shown by experts that this plate was not an electrotype made from a lead impression taken from a genuine die, but from a counterfeit. This was shown indisputably by radical differences in the engraved work on the respective genuine and counterfeit bonds. Brockway has promised, if possible, to surrender to the Government the original die engraved by Smythe from which the counterfeit 7.30s were printed. This plate, Brockway says, was

BURIED SOME TWELVE FEET

deep in the ground a dozen years ago, and he is not sure whether the spot is accessible now, as buildings have been erected over it in the meantime, but he has promised that, if the Government will furnish the working force, he will make the attempt. He thinks he may also be able to unearth the die from which was printed the counterfeit $1,000 Treasury note of the issue of 1863, known as the "Morris head counterfeit," from

the picture of Robert Morris which was on it. This plate was

ALSO ENGRAVED BY SMITHE,

and is buried near the other. The production of the real $.30 counterfeit die would invalidate Wood's claim that he had secured the original, and would prove what experts have found,—that it is but an electrotype from the counterfeit, and was furnished him by Brockway. There is a story that, at the time Wood secured this plate, he called a noted counterfeiter—one Spencer Pettis—to examine it. Pettis at once said that no counterfeit bonds had ever been printed from it, and that it was the copy of a bogus die, which statement

SO ANGERED WOOD

that he drove Pettis from his presence, and soon after procured his arrest. Pettis died in the Concord, N. H., State's Prison. Chief Brooks thinks there may be some interesting developments in the case in a few days. In reference to the question which has been refined, as to the place where Brockway could have procured the genuine fibre-paper upon which the counterfeit bonds were printed. Mr. Brooks explains that there is no certainty as yet that the paper is genuine fibre. This paper is manufactured solely by the firm of

WILCOX & CO., OF WESTCHESTER, PA.,

and all of it used in this country goes into the composition of our Government securities. Austria, and perhaps one or two other European Governments, use it for the same purpose. The paper on which these counterfeits are printed, Mr. Brooks says, is ordinary fibre "localized" by the production of the peculiar blue color and streaks of jute, which an expert might accomplish. This question, however, is one for experts to determine in the future.

THE LIBRARY.

A NEW BUILDING.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The Library Committee will be ready to report next week. A separate building is agreed upon, and the plan is substantially the one urged by Mr. Spofford. It consists of a large central building, circular in form, to stand in the centre of a large square. On the four faces of the square are to be quadrangular buildings, or wings, connected with the central area. The concentric arrangement of the interior is the only form which allows of ready addition of the classified collections under each branch of literature. The Committee will meet Monday to discuss the subject of a site.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEMBERS

is to have their plans and the arguments in favor of the site they may select carefully prepared for strong presentation as soon as the matter can be called up, so that, if possible, speedy action may be had, and the whole matter, including the necessary appropriation, may be favorably acted on before this Congress expires. The present condition of the affairs at the library is such as to render it almost impossible to conduct its business properly or to make its great facilities available.

LIFE-SAVING.

INTEREST IN THE SERVICE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Mr. S. S. Cox, the Congressional champion of the interests of the Life-Saving Service, is going to make an earnest effort to get his bill to promote the efficiency of that organization and to encourage the saving of life from shipwreck passed during the winter. It was introduced on the 5th of last March, and the press of all sections commended it warmly, but, for some unknown reason, it was not acted upon by the Committee on Commerce, to which it was referred. It makes provisions for additional stations as follows: Two in Maine, one in New Hampshire, six in Massachusetts, one in Delaware, two on the Atlantic coast between Capes Henlopen and Charles, three south of St. Charles, two on the lakes, and one on the Ohio River. It gives the Secretary of the Treasury

DISCRETIONARY POWER

to pay one month's additional salary to any keepers and members of life-saving crews as pay for such extraordinary and gallant services as may be thought to merit it, and provides pensions for widows and orphans of men who lose their lives in the discharge of their duty. The services rendered by the life-saving crews during the last season, both in saving life and property, far exceeds that of any previous season, a fact due to the added expense of the men and to the increased efficiency of the equipment of the stations. It is now found to be difficult to retain the services of good men at $40 a month, which is the limit of their compensation under present laws, owing to the high prices commanded by laborers in all other branches of industry. Mr. Cox will probably try to secure a removal of this limit, in accordance with the recommendations made by Superintendent Kimball last winter.

THE BULLDOZERS.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Revenue-Agent Ferd Meyer, who has been sent to Louisiana to investigate the outrage on Deputy-Collector Lanier, reports to Gen. Raum as follows: "I am satisfied that Lanier is a thoroughly honest man, sober, industrious, and faithful,—a man of fine judgment. Mr. Lanier has had the audacity, in the opinion of the Democratic politicians of the Fifth Congressional District, to become a candidate on the Republican ticket for a seat in the Forty-seventh Congress, and serving notice of contest on the Hon. J. Lloyd King constitutes, in my judgment, the only objection they have to him. To cover up the election frauds, bulldozing, and murders, it becomes necessary that Mr. Lanier be either assasinated or driven from the parish."

DEPUTY-COLLECTOR LANIER,

in a report made to Collector Marks, says: "Mr. King has unwillingly and unfortunately for himself spoken of court records. I have long since been exonerated of any blame (by the courts of his own party) of the charges which he intimates, while Mr. King has yet to answer to an indictment now pending against him in the United States Circuit Court of the Fifth District of Louisiana for charges far more serious, criminal, and damaging than any charge which has been preferred against me in any court. It is true that I have engaged in some serious personal encounters, in which I may be said to have been fortunate, but it was only when I have been assailed by supporters of Mr. King's party, and so justifiable has been my position in these encounters that I have never been indicted for the death of any man who has fallen at my hands. Mr. King says or

INTIMATES THAT I AM BAD OR DESPERATE,

and that it is unsafe to trust me with an armed posse of men to go among people who are in the midst of profound peace, against a population observing the laws of their country and busy in peaceful occupations.' Perhaps Mr. King has willingly forgotten his invasion of the peaceful precincts of the Parish of Tensas with several hundred armed bulldozers (for which he was rebuked by Gov. Nicholls), when the citizens of that parish were in the midst of profound peace, observing the laws of their country, and engaged in peaceful occupations, which invasion

RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF SO MANY OF THOSE CITIZENS,

all Republicans, 'who were engaged in peaceful occupations.' Mr. King cannot say that any man has fallen at my own hands or through my instrumentalities except in open, manly, and fair combat; but can he say that much for himself and the Democratic party of the Fifth Louisiana District? Mr. King cannot say that I have ever been indicted for offenses against the civil and political liberty of any fellow-citizen. Can he truthfully say the same of himself? Can Mr. King say his armed invasion of the Parish of Tensas, 'in the midst of profound peace,' was justified by reason, honesty, or by Gov. Nicholls, the then Democratic Governor of Louisiana?"

RAILROADS.

AUDITOR FRENCH'S REPORT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Mr. French, Auditor of the Bureau of Railroad Accounts, has nearly completed his annual report, and will submit it to the Secretary of the Interior tomorrow. He takes the position relative to the proposed consolidation of the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific Railroads that, unless the consolidation takes place, the United States will be in great danger of losing the entire amount due from the roads. Among the contingencies suggested is one that capitalists may build competing lines between Omaha and San Francisco, as they have already done for a portion of the road, in which case the obligations of the two roads might go by default, and they be taken by the first mortgage bondholders and the Government lose its lien altogether. On the general subject of

INTER-STATE COMMERCE,

Auditor French suggests that the legislation by Congress be confined to four points: First, that Congress enact a law requiring that all railroads doing an inter-State business shall make annual reports as to the character of their business; second, that all such roads shall make reports describing in detail all casualties; third, that a Commission be created by Congress to inquire into all accidents occurring on inter-State railroads, and to suggest some plan by which they may be more effectually prevented this proposition is substantially the Garfield bill, which was introduced in Congress soon after the Ashtabula disaster; fourth, that, as a substitute for the Reagan and all Inter-State Commerce bills, Congress enact a law providing that, for like service from the same place on the same day

THE SAME RATES

be charged to all persons, whether the shipper sends a hundred pounds or a car load, disregarding the principle of the wholesale and retail shipper, upon which so much stress has been laid by the opponents of the Reagan bill. Auditor French does not think that the Reagan bill, or any bill of a similar character, can pass Congress. The report will show that there have been considerable reductions in the rates of freight and fare on the Pacific roads in the last four years, but that the passenger business is not so well understood as the freight business.

CONTROLLER LAWRENCE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—William Lawrence, First Controller of the Treasury, has just completed his annual report, giving in detail the transactions of his office during the fiscal year.

In referring to the statute regarding perjury, Judge Lawrence says: "There may be some doubt whether the existing statute defining perjury is sufficiently broad to include all cases of corrupt false swearing in affidavits used for various purposes. In the Treasury Department affidavits are necessarily used for a great variety of purposes, and it is of the utmost importance that all who make them should be amenable to punishment in cases deserving it. I respectfully submit that the subject is worthy of consideration by Congress."

It is recommended that, if no radical change is made in the existing statute relative to lost and destroyed bonds, authority ought, at least, to be given to require more than two sureties to a bond of indemnity.

PENSION CLAIMS.

MR. BENTLEY'S PLAN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The central organization of the Grand Army of the Republic has finally adopted the views of Bentley, Commissioner of Pensions, relative to the legislation necessary to prevent the perpetration of frauds under the Pension laws, and the Grand Council has issued an order recommending the passage of a bill which embodies the following provisions: First, to secure public proceedings in the preparation and prosecution of pension claims; second, to submit the claimants' evidence to a reasonable scrutiny by officers of the Government; third, to obtain for pensioners and pension claimants, when necessary, an intelligent, careful, and exhaustive medical examination; and fourth, an early settlement of the meritorious claims. The Council believe that if the parol evidence offered by claimants in support of their claims can be taken in a simple and convenient form of public proceedings, in the vicinity where the claimants and witnesses reside, and in the presence of authorized officers of the Government, who may question them in relation to their means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify, and the medical examinations be made under similar conditions, the frauds upon the Government through the Pension laws will be vastly reduced, the settlement of the meritorious claims greatly hastened, and at the same time the claimants be relieved from many of the obstacles which they now encounter, and the expenses of obtaining their evidence considerably lessened, and that such proceedings will render unnecessary the longer continuance of the present method of investigation of suspected frauds. The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, in recommending this measure, calls upon all Posts to indorse and to forward petitions to General Headquarters before Jan. 1.

THE PHILP FORGERY

TRACING IT UP.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—John I. Davenport and George Bliss, of New York, are in the city engaged in further search for evidence relating to the Morey letter. There seems to be a theory that the letter may have been inspired at Democratic headquarters here, and that the ideas and language were first drafted by some person who holds intimate relations to the campaign. Among other things which have been discovered here is the fact that the date has been fixed when Chairman Barnum, immediately after the Indiana election, bonsted that, notwithstanding the result in that State had been adverse to the Democratic party, the Democratic Committee "would yet show the Republicans a trick or two," intimating that the "trick" would result in the election of Hancock. This boast of Barnum was made on the cars on the way from Indianapolis to New York the day succeeding the Indiana election,—namely: Oct. 13. This is two days before Gen. Averill is reported to have come immediately from Governor's Island, and to have made a similar declaration at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

SIGNAL SERVICE.

MILES WILL FAIL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The reports which have been published alleging that Col. Miles is a candidate for the position of Chief Signal Officer prove, upon inquiry in official quarters, to be erroneous. Col. Miles is noted as a fighter, and has been engaged for several years on the most arduous service, and his friends feel that he is entitled to the promotion he has earned. But this promotion is likely to be in the line of active service, and he will probably be made Brigadier-General, to succeed Gen. Ord, in the course of the changes provided for by law.

MYER'S SUCCESSOR.

It is understood that Gen. Hazen will be appointed Chief Signal Officer.

NOTES.

CHRISTIANCY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The cross-bill for divorce filed by Minister Christiancy against his young wife, in which she was charged with adultery, has failed. It will be remembered that the charge of adultery was first only threatened, then vaguely made, then specially set forth. Then witnesses in the case identified quite another woman from Mrs. Christiancy as the party involved, and the cross-bill fails. Mrs. Christiancy will now demonstrate to the satisfaction of those interested that she has been an outrageously-treated wife and foully slandered lady.

MOSBY.

Some friends of Mosby claim that Secretary Evarts has promised or threatened to secure the removal of Mosby as Consul to China before the end of the present Administration.

POST-OFFICES RAISED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The Postmaster-General has issued an order raising the following fourth-class Post-Offices to a grade of "Presidential offices," from and after the 1st of January next, with salaries as stated: Murphysboro, Ill., $1,300; Sullivan, Ill., $1,100; Piedmont, W. Va., $1,100; Quinnessec, Mich., $1,500.

COINAGE.

During November the United States Mints coined $4,574,200 in gold and $2,300,000 in silver dollars.

APPOINTMENTS.

The President appointed to-day A. P. K. Safford, of Arizona Territory, a delegate to the World's Fair in New York in 1883, and M. R. Barr to be Collector of Customs for the District of Erie, Pa.

THE READING PRESIDENCY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Mr. Gowen's friends here deny the current rumors that there is any possibility of his enforced removal from the Presidency of the Reading Railroad, or that his proposed trip to London is for the purpose of ascertaining the proxies to be used at the annual election, which takes place on Jan. 2. Mr. Gowen already holds and controls proxies on over 450,000 shares out of the 650,000 shares capital. This fact will render it impossible for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to obtain control of the property.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 2.—The Governor has appointed Seth Mills to be County Judge of Trempeleau County, vice Charles R. Parkins, whose resignation is to take effect on the first Monday in January.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 2.—The funeral services of the late Gov. Williams, chargeable to the State, amount to about $1,000, and will be paid out of the contingent fund.

NEW YORK.

Continuation of the Phenomenal Stringency in the Money Market.

The Vise Tightening on the Nervous Borrowers of Wall Street.

A Day of Fluctuations, Fertile in Chances for Curbstone Sharks.

Gould Now Shown to Have "Lost Money" in His Usual Thrifty Manner.

The Horrified Railway Magnates Considering Judge Black's Letter.

They Can Come to No Other Conclusion than That He Is Demented.

The Ancient John Wycliffe Extolled at a High-Toned Anniversary.

Abbey, the Theatre Man, Fighting to Get Salvini, and to Get Rid of Speculators.

Harwood Made His Wife a Preferred Creditor ($100,000) "for Faithful Services and Good Advice."

THE JINGLE OF THE GUINEA.

WALL STREET.

THE MONEY SQUEEZE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The turn in the speculation yesterday afternoon consequent upon the promise of easier money created considerable excitement among the shorts. The opening was strong, and the first morning's transactions were made at a general advance in prices ranging from ¼ to 1, the bears bidding to cover. After a short interval of dullness and heaviness following the opening, during which prices declined ⅛ and 1⅛, the market again became strong, the bulls buying with an advance of ¼@1¼. From the working of the money market, it then became apparent that the expected relief of yesterday was

ILLUSORY,

and the weaker holders of stocks began throwing them over. At noon prices had gone down again from ¼@¾ per cent from the previous advance noted, the heaviest decline being in Northwestern common.—New York Central and Western Union Telegraph following closely, as did also Chattanooga,—the remainder of the list keeping pace at from ¼ to ⅜.

At noon the market was feverish, stocks loaning at 1-16 of 1 per cent and the legal rate added to carry, and some loans were made at that hour as high as ⅜ premium.

ON THE SECOND CALL

the market was dull and heavy, Northwest selling down fully four points, followed by St. Paul, Union Pacific, Western Union, Lake Shore, Lackawanna, Pacific Mail, Erie, Reading, Wabash preferred, and New Jersey Central. Marietta & Cincinnati first preferred was expeptionally strong, while Ontario & Western was firm. Later in the day the Grangers, which were quite prominent in the mercurial variations, rallied and fell again. A further advance in Marietta & Cincinnati first preferred was attributed to a rumor of a settlement of the shorts.

THE SPECIAL FEATURE

of the stock market this afternoon was Northwestern common, which fluctuated about five points. If it be true that there was a large short interest in the stock, and this has been privately settled, then the only or the main reason for this stock selling so much above other stocks of at least equal value intrinsically has been removed. Northwestern has been famous for the corners made in it, but it always happened that the stock not only fell largely in price after the closing of the cornering operations, but, for several months afterward, was neglected in the dealings at the Stock Exchange. The weakness in Northwestern common and the high rates for money imparted

A WEAK AND FEVERISH TONE

to the whole stock market in the last hour, and the closing prices were at or near the lowest of the day. The principal dealings to-day were in Western Union Telegraph, Erie, Northwestern, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Union Pacific, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Jersey Central, Lake Shore, and New York Central. The market afforded abundant opportunities for the scalping horde and all the shrewd traders, but the changes were often like those of the Hibernian flea. It is generally conceded that the market, if there were plain sailing in front of it, would go up. There has seldom been seen more confidence in the values of the great railroad properties of the country. Buyers are numerous, and their speculative propensities are stimulated by the high figures recorded. A somewhat feverish speculation, however, is looked for until

THE MONEY MARKET

shall be restored to its equilibrium. Of this there is not much prospect for a day or so, when the drain to the South and West is considered. The anthracite stocks showed great weakness this afternoon from some cause not explained. The coal trade seems to be good this cold weather, but, possibly, there may be some recalcitrant member of the present combination who stands out as to its longer continuation on the present basis. Mr. Gould's friends say that he has fully decided to retire from the Union Pacific Directory at the next meeting, and it is stated that the cause of his retirement is because of disagreement and opposition from the officers to the proposed consolidation with the Central Pacific Road.

THE BEARS IN WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH

say the real fight with the American Union will probably begin shortly after the 1st of next January, accompanied by some sharp cutting of rates. The Western Union earnings for the third week in November, decreased $80,000 as compared with last year. There was a large buying of the Vanderbilt stocks, and of a considerable amount of Lackawanna here yesterday and to-day, on orders from London by cable. The quotations have been higher in the English market than in New York for several days past, which has caused an increased amount of trading between the two points. It is said

MR. D. P. MORGAN

has been a large buyer of Lake Shore and Lackawanna within a day or two past on this side. It is reported that Mr. Gould, instead of being "short" of Northwestern and St. Paul, which has been the general and popular impression, has really been long of both of those stocks, and has been quietly feeding the lambs at top prices, so that instead of losing the fabulous amount reported he has actually turned it over to the opposit page of his ledger.

MR. GOWEN'S FRIENDS

deny the current rumors that there is any possibility of his forced removal from the Presidency of the Reading Road, or that his proposed trip to London is for the purpose of obtaining proxies to be used at the annual election, which takes place on the 2d of January. Mr. Gowen already holds and controls proxies on over 450,000 shares out of the 650,000 shares of capital. This fact will render it impossible for the Pennsylvania Railroad to obtain control of the property.

MONEY.

As has already been stated in the foregoing, the stringency in the money market was renewed this morning, and call loans were made at 1-16@⅛, and in some cases at ¼ per diem and interest. The early sales of stocks on the Exchange showed, as a rule, a difference of ¼ between cash and regular, and, later on, ⅛@¼. There was an active borrowing demand for money on time, and for the balance of the year 6 per cent and commission has been paid, and for three to four months 6 per cent has been freely paid, and is still bid. The lowness of the bank reserve, which on Friday was $105,664 below the legal requirements, places

POWERFUL MEANS

in the hands of unscrupulous persons to manipulate the money market as they see fit, and Wall street unfortunately is not devoid of persons who would fail to accept advantages so favorable to a good turn. Money has accordingly been locked up—just to what amount it is of course impossible to give even an approximate amount. By whom done and for how long a time it has been doing, and how long it will continue to be done, are questions difficult to answer. Of

A HALF-DOZEN BANK PRESIDENTS

who conversed on the topic to-day, not one failed to express his conviction that millions of dollars were quietly lying in the bank-vaults for want of use. In the Assay-Office there are $50,000,000 in foreign gold which have been coming here since Aug. 2. At present it is estimated by the best-informed persons that $12,000,000 are on foreign steamers bound to this port, so that, by the latter part of next week, by which time it is hoped all the steamers will have arrived, the total amount of gold at this port will have reached $62,000,000. It is expected that

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT

would rush to the relief of the money market, imitative of "Black Friday," but the Secretary has no power to lend any assistance. He has authorized Gen. Hillhouse to purchase the bonds that mature on the 21st of this month, of which there are $13,000,000 outstanding, at 102⅞, in amounts not less than $3,000,000. This advanced price for 6s of 1880—102⅞—is not bringing the anticipated relief to the market, only $32,000 having been offered to-day and accepted up to noon. Of the remaining outstanding issue of the 6s of 1880, about $3,000,000 are coupon bonds largely held in Europe. The registered bonds are held to a considerable extent by some of

THE WEALTHIEST NEW YORK FAMILIES,

and by financial institutions throughout the country. The wealthy individual capitalists do not want money, and, therefore, are in no hurry about turning their bonds into the Treasury, and will probably wait until Dec. 31, when they will get 103 for them. If the Secretary should offer that price before the expiration of the loan, then, undoubtedly, these parties would turn in their bonds. So far as the institutions holding the 6s of 1880 are concerned, a curious fact has leaked out, which may explain to some extent the diffidence of these corporations about selling their bonds at 102⅞ now, when they could turn round and lend their money at such full rates of interest as are current. When this loan was marketed, in common with the 6s of 1881, which matures next year, it was known on the list of Government loans as the "6s of 1881," and was so classed until about two years ago, when it was properly classed as the

"SIXES OF 1880."

Recently several instances have occurred where banks and other financial institutions sold their 6s of 1881 to New York bankers, and, when the bonds were delivered, it was discovered a considerable portion were 6s of 1880. This mistaken idea naturally arose from the old classification of the bonds that might otherwise be presented. The mistake about the classification of these bonds was first discovered in some of the European Bourses, and, after it was corrected there, it was corrected on the New York Stock Exchange. Contrary to expectations here, the Bank of England discount rate (2½ per cent) was not advanced to-day, although the bank lost £1,000,000 specie during the week, and its reserve was reduced to 48 11-16 per cent of liabilities from 51 1-16 per cent. Private advices received to-day by leading bankers say that, if gold exports to this country continue large, the bank rate will be put up. Otherwise, that it will not be changed. Foreign exchange was firm, and rates were advanced for bankers' bills to 480 for sixty days and to 482 for demand.

IN RAILROAD BONDS

the largest transactions were in Boston, Hartford & Erie firsts, which advanced 1¾, to 48. The next largest transactions were in Erie seconds and consolidated, which declined ⅝, to 97⅜, and the next in Denver & Rio Grande first consols, which advanced 1, to 107¼. The other changes were as follows: An advance of 1½ in Iron Mountain second preferred income, and Burlington & Quincy 7s; 1 in Lake Shore registered firsts; 1¼ in Kansas & Texas seconds; ⅜ in Chesapeake & Ohio firsts, series "B"; ¾ in Canada Southern firsts guaranteed, and Metropolitan firsts; ⅛ in Central Iowa firsts; ¼ in Chesapeake & Ohio currency 6s. There was a decline of 3¼ in Louisville & Nashville general mortgage 6s; 2¾ in Mobile & Ohio second debentures; 1 in Texas & Pacific income landgrant 7s, Ohio Central firsts, and Milwaukee & St. Paul firsts, Chicago & Pacific Division; ⅝ in Southern Pacific of California firsts and ¼ in Wabash seconds. The *Post* to-night says: "The market does not yet seem to be in a condition where it is safe for those to buy who depend on borrowed money, however safe it may be to take well-selected stocks which can be paid for and put into boxes to be held for three months."

A POINT THAT WAS COMMENTED ON

to some extent by financial men to-day was that the New-York agency of the Bank of Montreal had received $300,000 to loan in the street. The act was deemed extraordinary on the part of the institution in question.

A BEAR.

THIS IS THE WAY HE FIGURES IT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—A bear broker said last night relative to the money market yesterday "The little steadying the market got after the bulls had made a rush to realize was made at the instance of Jay Gould, and he was for the moment a bull. The money market was very stringent, and ⅜ was bid above the legal interest by a reputable house and refused. The reports from England do not promise any ease for the money market, and the demands for the country at large, and especially the South, are compelling the banks here to contract their loans; and to them may be ascribed the present tightness of money. The bulls are trying to make it appear that it is the duty of the Government to open the Treasury doors and allow them to help themselves to the public money until they can

SUCCEED IN UNLOADING

their stock on the general public. They talk of a panic, and of widespread public damage, simply because they find, to use an expressive phrase, that they have bitten off more than they can chaw. They have put stocks, by sheer manipulation, up to a point where they cannot afford to carry them; and now, when they find that they will be compelled to let go some of their paper earnings, they send up a great warning cry of popular calamity."

MINING STOCKS.

WAKING UP.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The morning market today inclined toward better prices, but without materially increasing activity. On the first call Great Eastern declined to 24, but later recovered. Amie was strong at 40, and Calaveras at 24. Moose advanced to 47.

PRODUCE.

WHEAT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Winter-wheat dealing reached a more liberal aggregate, especially in the speculative interest, No. 2 red meeting with increased attention in the option line. Prices have been again very unsettled, opening for No. 2 red buoyantly, and advancing about ⅛@1½ cents a bushel, reacting sharply through the early afternoon trade, and about losing the gain of the forenoon, and hardening subsequently, in instances to the extent of ¼@¾ cent a bushel, with No. 1 white moving in sympathy. Western reports, which were of very variable markets, largely influenced the course of values here. Cable advices were of rather more firmness. The export call here has been on a moderate scale. Spring wheat more active, and quoted rather dearer; sales of No. 1 red at $1.30@1.31, closing at $1.30 bid; No. 2 red at $1.24@1.25¼, closing at $1.24½ bid; do December at $1.24½@1.25¾, closing at $1.25; do January at $1.27⅜@1.28⅞, closing at $1.28¾; do February at $1.30@1.31¾, closing at $1.30¾; No. 3 red at $1.23@1.21¼; ungraded red at $1.15 1.28½, as to quality.

CORN, OATS, RYE, BARLEY.

In corn a fair degree of activity is reported, mainly in the option line, the May, 1881, option on No. 2 appearing in the actual trading for the first time this season; prices opened stronger, generally gaining ¼@½ cent a bushel, but left off a shade weaker. Sales of mixed Western ungraded, new and old, 55@61½ cents, as to quality; No. 2, 57¾ cents; New York steamer mixed nominal.

Oats have been much more active, largely on speculative account, opening at an advance of ¼@1 cent a bushel. No. 1 white for prompt delivery gaining fully 1 cent, but weakening through the afternoon, and on mixed receding slightly, leaving off rather more steady; sales of white Western ungraded at 45@50 cents as to quality; mixed do at 42@44¾ cents; white State nominal: No. 2 Chicago at 45¼ cents afloat; do in store at 44 cents.

Rye was very quiet, and again quoted heavy.

Barley was offered more freely and quoted weaker and irregular; demand light; two-rowed State December arrival offered at $1.

PROVISIONS.

Hog products rather more active, and quoted closing firmer, Western mess pork meeting with a readier sale for early delivery; quoted at $14.25, and new at $15.25. Three hundred barrels were taken for export at $14.35, and in the option line Western mess very quiet, as for a long time past, with January and February quoted $14 bid and $15 asked. Sales for December at $13.25 @13.30. Cut meats in more request and steady. Bacon inactive at easier prices, with long clear quoted at $7.60, and short clear at $8.

Western steam lard rather more sought after, but quoted a shade easier for early delivery; quoted as closing at $9.02½; sales at $9.05 for early delivery, and $8.95@9.00 to arrive; and in the option line also attracting rather more attention, opening weaker and leaving off a shade firmer, with December closing at $8.97½@9.00, January at $9.07½@9.10, February at $9.12½, March at $9.20.

THE OTHER POINTS.

Tallow easier, with sales at 6¼@6⅝ cents.

Sugars—Raw less sought after, and quoted somewhat weaker at 7⅛@7⅝ cents for fair, and 7⅝@7¾ cents for good refining Cuba; centrifugal at 7⅞ cents.

In freights more demand has been reported for tonnage for chartering purposes; in the berth freight line a fair degree of activity, was noted, chiefly in the way of grain, flour, and provision contracts, in part on through freight account at generally unchanged quotations; though, in instances, showing some irregularity, the grain rate by steam for Liverpool receding a trifle, and the provision rate by steam for Bristol hardening a little. For Liverpool, engagements by steam, flour at 2s 6d@2s 3d, mostly through freight and forward shipment, and by outport steamers as low as 2s 6d@2s 7½d; wheat at 7¾@ 7¾d; provisions at 30@45s, mainly through freight for forward shipments, and by outport steamers as low as 30s@32s 6d.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE RAILWAY KINGS.

THEY, OF COURSE, THINK JUDGE BLACK "A FOOL."

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Railroad representatives to-day were indulging in criticism upon the Hon. Jere Black's letter on the relations of the railroads to the public. Mr. A. C. Rose, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, said Judge Black did not understand what he was writing about. He wrote as a lawyer, without any knowledge of railroad business. His argument that the railroad companies did not own the roads was

"FOOLISH,"

for the companies had to pay dearly for every privilege they received from either State or Nation; had to expend large sums of money in building and equipping the roads; had to keep capital idle for a time, and when the roads began to pay it was demanded of them that they should run short hauls as cheaply as long ones. It ought not to be expected that as good rates should be given to non-competing points as to those where the railroads were brought into competition with other means of transportation, such as water-routes, etc.

MR. ALBERT FINK, THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONER,

said the question of rates for carrying freight over railroads had long been a complicated one. Judge Black had cited San Francisco and Salt Lake without taking into consideration that San Francisco was a competing-point with the ocean, and Salt Lake City was not. Before the railroad was built across the continent Salt Lake had to depend on San Francisco, and had to pay for hauling from that point.

THE QUESTION IS,

Do they pay more now than then, even if the rate to San Francisco, a further distance, is lower? A railroad was built from Louisville to Nashville, and subsequently extended to Memphis. At the latter place it came into competition with the Mississippi River and had to make rates accordingly. Would it be fair that all the towns between Nashville and Memphis should be charged no more than the Memphis rate, when, before the railroad was built, they would have had to pay for the hauling from the river front? If the rates were lower than they had to pay before the railroad was built, then they reaped advantage by its construction.

THE SAME WOULD APPLY TO NEW ORLEANS

as between the railroads and the Gulf steamers. It would be unjust that the same rates should be charged to Montgomery or Atlanta as to New Orleans, when, before the railroad was built, the shippers would have had to pay for transportation from New Orleans as well as the water rate from New York.

JOHN WYCLIFFE.

HIS ANNIVERSARY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The Wycliffe semi-millennial celebration by the American Bible Society was held to-night at the Academy of Music, the Hon. Joshua L. Chamberlain, ex-Governor of Maine and President of Bowdoin College, presiding. Among the prominent gentlemen on the platform were President McCosh, of Princeton College; President D. C. Gilman, Johns Hopkins College, Baltimore, Md.; Father Gavazzi, Bishop Hurst, the Rev. Dr. Erskine White, the Rev. Dr. Henry L. Field, the Rev. E. P. Tbwing, the Rev. E. L. Clark, the Rev. H. H. McFarland, the Rev. S. Ireneeus Prime, the Rev. Dr. L. D. Bevan, the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, the Hon. Noah Davis, the Hon. Edwards Pierrepont, Charles Tracey, John E. Parsons, Robert Lennox Belknap, Henry G. De Forrest, and others.

The meeting was opened by the reading of the Scriptures by the Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., after which the opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Roswell D. Hitchcock.

The President delivered a welcoming address, after which the oration on "John Wycliffe and the First English Bible," was delivered by the Rev. R. S. Storrs. He reviewed the early life and history of John Wycliffe, and the work he had accomplished and its subsequent development. He said but 150 copies of the translation were made, and some of them were still in preservation in whole or in part despite the troublesome times they had passed through.

BANKRUPTCY DAW.

ONE WANTED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The business-men of New York are already moving in the matter of a National Bankrupt law. At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to-day the question was pretty thoroughly agitated, and debated at considerable length. The Committee on Bankruptcy Laws presented a supplementary report relative to Judge Lowell's draft of a National Bankruptcy law, which is now before the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. Under this act Registers are virtually made Judges in the first instance of nearly all matters in bankruptcy, are to be salaried, and not compensated by fees, as under the previous laws of 1876. It is presumed that the cost of any case of bankruptcy that may occur under the proposed law may be promptly determined in advance of liquidation. The report presented by the Committee to-day sets forth that the limit proceeding adjudication has been extended from three to six months in the revised bill, and asks why there should be any limit.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND

that no discharge should be allowed without a public trial in court, and that the requirements for a discharge in composition settlements should be raised to the English standard. The Chamber of Commerce was urged by the Committee to recommend strongly the passage of the Lowell bill, the expenses of the Judicial machinery of which would be trifling compared with the importance of the work to be done. One of the speakers, referring to the existing laws, told of a Western merchant,

EVIDENTLY HARWOOD,

who failed in the West the other day, and made his wife a preferred creditor to the extent of $100,000 "for long and faithful services and good advice." The Chamber adopted a resolution favoring the passage of a National Bankruptcy act. The question was also discussed at the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange, and referred to the Law Committee.

THE STEAMERS.

STILL OUT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—No more European steamships had been reported at sundown today. The Volmer sailed from Havre on the 11th, and has been out over twenty days. The following are overdue steamers, left the other side on the 13th: The Ville de Marseilles, of the French Line, from Havre; the Rheala, of the Edwards Line, from Cardiff; the Rialto, of the Wilson Line, from Hull, and the Bath City, from Bristol. On the 14th the Victoria, of the Anchor Line, and the Holland, both from London; the P. Caland, of the Netherlands Line, from Rotterdam, and the Jan Breidel, from Antwerp, sailed. Their delay is accounted for by the unusually violent storms which have raged of late on the North Atlantic. The steamers Devon and Cimbria arrived yesterday. Both met with a continuation of heavy westerly gales and high seas, although neither sustained any damage. During the night of the 27th the Devon sighted a burning ship, supposed to have been loaded with petroleum. She had evidently been abandoned, and no boats could be seen in the neighborhood.

"THE DARK RIVER."

IN PARK ROW.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—There was a chilly wind to-day, but nothing like a temperature low enough to freeze the streets into a passable condition. The gentleman who slipped off a crosswalk in Park row, in front of the City-Hall Park, a few days ago, and was rescued from drowning in the mud by a Fourth Precinct policeman, called upon Mayor Cooper to thank him for his miraculous preservation through one of the city's servants.

THE CENTRE OF PARK ROW

is several inches lower than the gutters, and the mud there in rainy seasons has long been a source of danger to children not more than four feet high. On the 2d of last August the Aldermen adopted a resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to cause the railroad companies occupying Park row, between Spruce and Beekman streets, to raise the carriageway, and relay their rails on the established grade of the street. But this has never been done. THE TRIBUNE correspondent, who was ferried across Park row in a scow to-day, and called upon Commissioner Campbell, was informed by that gentleman that there is no "established grade" for the down-town streets: that the railroad companies will not do anything without being forced to it by the courts; that Park row is well paved, and that is all that any reasonable street can expect. The season of navigation will close very soon, judging from weather prognostications.

IMMIGRANTS.

GETTING THEIR MONEY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is prepared to accept the proposition of the Immigration Commissioners that all immigrant railroad business shall be conducted through licensed agents at Castle Garden, but the New York Central and Erie Companies evade the question and decline to renew the agreement made in 1873. Offices have been established for the sale of tickets, and a commission of 10 per cent is allowed to all persons who bring immigrants to those offices. This will not benefit immigrants, who have to pay the full amount of fare. It occasions great evils, as boarding-house keepers and runners are continually on the alert, and so long as this system shall be continued the efforts of the Commission to secure the immigrant from wrong and imposition will in part be defeated. Another evil is the "booking" of immigrants in foreign countries to some point in the interior of the United States. The complaints against the steamship Ferdinand de Lesseps—that the food was unwholesome, and that the ship was not kept clean, was overcrowded and unseaworthy, and the sexes were not properly separated—are understood to be unproven.

SMYTHE.

THE GREAT ENGRAVER'S CASE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The revelations made by William Brockway, the counterfeiter, in connection with the surrender of plates in his possession, together with a large stock of counterfeit money, have somewhat changed the attitude of the Government officials toward Charles H. Smythe, the engraver who pretended to make a clean breast of everything when he turned United States evidence. Smythe, it has been discovered,

CRIMINAL NEWS.

Latest Phase of the Pending Political Feud in Minnesota.

The Harwood Case at Minneapolis Assumes a Criminal Complexion.

A Would-Be Burglar Promptly and Fatally Shot at Niles, Mich.

Lynchers Take a Negro from a Tennessee Court and Hang Him.

THE MINNESOTA FEUD.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 2.—The Justice having granted a continuance in the case of Riley on motion of the prosecution, the prisoner was remanded to jail, the motion for bail being overruled by Page, his Justice not even verbally assenting. To-day the case took a new turn. The defense seems to have been advised of the law, and applied to Judge Farmer at Austin for a writ of habeas corpus, which was granted, and made returnable to-morrow morning. The Sheriff started out this evening to produce his prisoner.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 2.—John Riley was presented before Judge Fosmer, of the District Court at Austin, this morning, whereupon the Judge appeared and moved to quash the writ on the ground, first, "that the petition that was presented to the Court does not set forth sufficient grounds for the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus under any circumstances; that the Court had no jurisdiction to issue this writ; under the statute the application must be made to a Judge or to a Court Commissioner. A Court Commissioner is clothed with all the powers of a Judge acting in these matters. If application be made to a Judge or Court Commissioner in an adjoining county it must show affirmatively the reason why the writ is not issued in the county where the prisoner is confined. This application is made to the Judge of this court; the order that is made is made by the Judge of this court. He can issue the writ if he is in the county where the prisoner is confined. This point seems to me to be absolutely fatal to these proceedings. The writ undoubtedly should have been issued by the Judge or the Court Commissioner of Freedom. I think the petition itself does not comply with the statutes, and is therefore in many respects radically defective. The petition sets forth that the prisoner was kidnaped. That is a very broad word. If that were properly stated it would say how he was kidnaped, and it would have been seen that he was arrested and taken on a warrant regularly issued. It sets forth that the examination was adjourned from time to time. There are no grounds for a writ of habeas corpus."

In conclusion, Judge Page said: "The prisoner is a notorious outlaw, whose whole life has been blackened with crime. He is known everywhere as Buckskin Jack, a notorious outlaw, one of the most dangerous men in the Northwest. In view of the magnitude of the crime he is charged with having committed, no trifling bail should be fixed to permit him to get loose and prey upon this community. I regret that this crime has been committed; that such a thing could have occurred to blacken the annals of the country. It may be approved by some. I hope God will pardon the black heart that does approve it."

Mr. French briefly stated some general propositions in opposition to Mr. Page's legal points, and asked that the prisoner either be committed to the Mower County Jail or a reasonable amount fixed.

The Court took the papers and stated that the case would be taken under advisement at 9 o'clock in the morning, in the meantime charging the Sheriff to keep Riley in his custody. The Court then adjourned until 9 o'clock in the morning.

A TRIBUNE reporter secured an interview with the prisoner, who asked him if he ever had any acquaintance with Page. He said no; he had not; never saw him in his life to know him until he saw him in Dexter. When I asked him if he was in Austin the night Judge Page was shot at, he said no, he was not, and that he left Austin between the 3d and 6th of August, 1879, and had not been here since until the 4th of November last; that he left Stone Point, Wis., on the 3d of November, arrived at Winona the same evening at 10 o'clock, left Winona at 10:25 a. m. of the 4th, and arrived at Owatonna at 5 a. m., and came thence direct to Austin.

HARWOOD & CO.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 2.—The plot thickens. The most important movement in the legal proceedings against N. B. Harwood, the broken merchant of Minneapolis, took place in St. Paul yesterday, being nothing less than the filing of a voluminous bill of complaint in the United States Circuit Court, under which it is sought to bring Harwood and some of his preferred creditors into court, in order to get at the bottom of what is alleged to be a gigantic and fraudulent conspiracy. Harwood owes J. V. Farwell & Co., of Chicago, nearly $12,000. Suit was commenced in the United States Court for this claim, judgment was rendered in their favor, but Harwood's property was rendered invisible, and so United States Marshal McLaren came back with his writ of execution on Tuesday and reported that he couldn't find anything belonging to Harwood that he could attach. Then the attorneys for Farwell & Co. proceeded to make out a creditor's bill of complaint against N. B. Harwood, Susan D. Harwood, his wife, J. K. Sidle, C. H. Pettit, trustee under the deed of assignment, and the First National Bank of Minneapolis, all of whom are alleged to have been parties to a conspiracy whose object was to secure possession of $500,000 worth of goods on credit for the purpose of defrauding the creditors out of all, of at least half of their claims. On the strength of this allegation the Court is asked to have the parties brought into court in order that the charges may be substantiated, and that the judgments confessed to a few favored creditors may be declared null and void; that the assignment of Harwood to C. H. Pettit be set aside, and that there may be a fair and square scramble for the assets of the dry goods house of N. B. Harwood & Co.

The bill of complaint of J. V. Farwell & Co. covers twenty-five closely-written pages, and embraces in legal form the specifications of the foregoing general charges. Complainant charges, among other things, that there was no consideration whatever to support the judgment in favor of Susan D. Harwood, and that Harwood never owed her anything; that she never had any property in her own right, or otherwise; that the claim of the First National Bank is fraudulent and without consideration.

One party to the aforesaid conspiracy was one Manville D. Ingham, who is one of the judgment creditors, and who is the buyer of many of said goods for Harwood; that immediately after said judgment Ingham absconded on the direction of Harwood and his co-conspirators, and fled to Europe; that Harwood is the owner of property, money, securities, etc., evidences of debt had by divers persons, in trust or otherwise, for his benefit, and particularly by his wife, the First National Bank, C. H. Pettit, and J. K. Sidle, all of which is concealed in aid of the conspiracy and fraud hereinbefore pleaded; that Harwood's assignment was not made in good faith, but it was made to secure a compromise with Harwood's creditors; that Harwood called a meeting of his creditors in New York on the 23d of November, the day of his assignment, but that he subsequently changed the date to the 30th, when he offered them 30 cents on the dollar in settlement of their claims. In order, therefore, that Harwood and his co-conspirators may be interrogated upon these and other matters, and to explain what has become of certain property, they are asked to be brought into court and a writ of subpœna against N. B. Harwood, Susan B. Harwood, C. H. Pettit, J. K. Sidle and the First National Bank, and the rest of the conspirators and confederates, commanding them personally to appear on a day named before the United States Court to then and there answer questions and abide such order as the Court may direct. Of course this case involves the question of jurisdiction, as Harwood's assignment under the statute of the State is still pending, and the contest will probably prove to be an interesting one.

A MOTHER'S TERRIBLE CRIME.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Lucy Emeline Meeker, the wife of Horace Meeker, a farmer in good standing in this community, has been on trial for murder during the past week, and last evening the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Her victim was a little girl, 11 years of age, Libbie Alice Meeker, a half sister of the murderess' husband. The child had been taken from the Poor-House and placed in charge of the family. Mrs. Meeker treated the child with terrible cruelty, and finally determined to murder her. She took into her confidence her son Louis Almon Meeker. They procured a team, and, taking little Alice with them, drove through the Village of Waterbury to a point in the woods several miles beyond. At a brook-side the boy got out and procured some water in a mug. Into that he poured part of a bottle of sweetened water, in which had been mixed a quantity of strychnine. He did this at his mother's directions. Mrs. Meeker then held the cup to the child's lips, telling her it was sweetened water. Convulsions seized the girl in a little while, and continued for over an hour, Mrs. Meeker covering her mouth to prevent the screams for "mother" being heard, and both endeavoring to hold her. The body was then buried in the swamp. Remorse seized the boy, and he revealed the murder and the whereabouts of the child to the Sheriff. He pleaded guilty. Mrs. Meeker denied her guilt to the last, but the evidence against her was overwhelming.

THE MAYO MYSTERY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 2.—L. Mayo arrived here to-day. Mr. Mayo is the son of Judge Mayo, the banker, who disappeared so mysteriously at East St. Louis three years ago. Judge Mayo was a passenger on an east-bound train, and was seen and recognized on the train as it crossed the bridge. He was even seen on the platform of a car as the train crawled down the incline at the east end of the bridge. It was dark at the time. When the train left East St. Louis Judge Mayo had disappeared. His valise and cane were in the car. It has always been supposed that Judge Mayo was seized by robbers when the car was entering East St. Louis, thrown from the track, murdered and robbed. No clew, however, was ever obtained, and the matter remains as great a mystery as ever. The son has spent a great deal of money in attempting to clear away the mystery, following all kinds of clews, but has almost lost hope of ever ascertaining the fate of his father.

OVERREACHED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NILES, Mich., Dec. 2.—A bold attempt at burglary was made here last evening by two masked men, who entered the jewelry-store of La Pierce & Wicks between 9 and 10 o'clock. The men entered and leveled revolvers at the heads of the proprietors. Wicks grabbed the pistol-hand of one of the burglars, and, while the other turned his eye, evidently intending to shoot Wicks, La Pierce whipped out his revolver and gave him two balls, one in the breast and the other in the shoulder. The wounded man is mortally hurt. He says his name is Pat Malone, and that his mother lives at Whitehall, N. Y. He is believed to have come from Chicago.

MINNESOTA CONVICTS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 2.—The jury in the case of the State vs. Thomas O'Connor, charged with the murder of Lawrence D. Vaughn, and which has been on trial at Le Sueur during the week, ended to-day in a verdict of murder in the first degree and a sentence from the Court consigning the defendant to the Penitentiary for life. The severity of the verdict and the sentence were hardly anticipated by those who heard the testimony.

O'Connor and Mrs. Welshar, convicted last week of murder in the first degree, will be sent to Stillwater to-morrow.

UNSATISFACTORY VERDICT.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 2.—Dan Smith (colored), who attempted to ravish a young white girl in Giles County some time ago, was sentenced to twenty-one years in the Penitentiary at Pulaski to-day for assault with intent to commit murder. As soon as this verdict was found a mob rushed into the court-room, overpowered the Sheriff and posse, seized Smith and dragged him to the street, where hundreds of people joined the mob, and took him to a bridge and hung him until dead. The mob came from the vicinity where the crime was committed by Smith.

SAFE BURGLARY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 2.—This morning it was discovered that during the night the safe in the grocery house of Cosner & Henderson had been blown open, and about $350 in cash extracted therefrom. A gold watch and $40 in gold was overlooked. Mr. Henderson was asleep up stairs over the store, but the report did not awake him, although people in the neighborhood were aroused. The police have a clew, and expect to hive the lads, three in number, to-morrow.

CAUGHT.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 2.—Upon a telegram from Oil City giving a discription, the police here to-night arrested a man giving the name of James A. Johnson. Searching him $5,700 were found, and the mark on his shirt showed his name to be Kenneth McLeod. Subsequent dispatches represented him as an oil broker, who obtained $350 from Reynolds & Co., bankers, of Oil City, by false pretenses, and also charged him with conspiracy. His family lives in Canada, where he was bound.

ARRESTED.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 2.—R. B. Foster, James Galloway, and Samuel Logan, judges of election of the City of Manchester, in this State, have been arrested on the charge of refusing to receive the votes of a number of persons, mostly colored, on Presidential election-day. These votes were rejected for the reason that the parties did not show, as it is alleged, proper capitation receipts. They had receipts issued by the State Auditor, which were ignored by the judges.

RESPITED.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 2.—A Fremont dispatch to the *Plaindealer* states that Gov. Foster respited John Welsh, sentenced to be hanged for murder, until Feb. 25.

THE GHOULS.

PRESCOTT, Ont., Dec. 2.—The town is greatly excited over the fact that the bodies of Daniel McNutt and Mrs. Dunsmore have been stolen from their graves.

NATIONAL SENATORS.

WISCONSIN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WATERTOWN, Wis., Dec. 2.—It would appear that the political caldron in Wisconsin never ceases to boil, for the Presidential election is no sooner over than we enlist in an exciting and heated contest for United States Senator. The action of Senator Angus Cameron, in declining to be a candidate for reelection, leaves a vacuum for others to enter as aspirants for the honorable and coveted position. Thus far in the contest the Republicans are chiefly occupied in canvassing the claims of the Hon. E. W. Keyes, of Madison, and the Hon. Philetus Sawyer, of Oshkosh,—no other names as yet being prominently mentioned in connection with the office. It is a fact not to be controverted, that, in this portion of the State at all events, Mr. Keyes is the great favorit for United States Senator. It is not easily erased from the memory of Republicans that the best years of his life have been devoted to the interests and welfare of the Republican party of Wisconsin. Both his time and means have been used to advance Republican principles; and he is justly regarded by friend and foe as a brave and fearless leader, never hesitating or faltering in the path of duty. He possesses the ability and force of character to assume at once the position of a prominent and influential member of the United States Senate. In Mr. Keyes, it is admitted, Wisconsin would have a representative on the floor of the Senate fitting to her standing and intelligence; and no man would look after the interests of his State sharper or closer than he. These things can be said in favor of Mr. Keyes without any disparagement to the other candidates for the position. Mr. Sawyer has been long and favorably known among the most enterprising business-men of the State, and, as a Member of Congress, was credited with being one of the most active and influential members of that body. But his age—now about 65—is a serious objection with some. From a calm and dispassionate survey of the field, it would seem, then, that the Republicans of Wisconsin can consult their own interests best, and do their State the most credit, by electing the Hon. E. W. Keyes to succeed the Hon. Angus Cameron in the Senate of the United States after the 4th of March, 1881.

A TRIBUNE representative found the Hon. Philetus Sawyer at the Grand Pacific Hotel yesterday, taking his dinner with the Hon. C. G. Williams, Congressman from the First Wisconsin District, on his way to Washington. Mr. Sawyer is a prominent candidate for the seat in the United States Senate now occupied by Angus Cameron, and he is therefore an object of interest to newspaper-men and to Republicans generally. Mr. Sawyer was politely interrogated upon the subject of his candidacy in Wisconsin, but peremptorily declined to submit to a formal interview upon a subject so important to himself. He stated, however, very frankly to the interviewer that he was a candidate, that he had the means of knowing very nearly how the case stood in the State at the present time, and that he was not at all discouraged at the outlook. He said he could not be expected to disclose through the medium of so widely a circulated journal as THE TRIBUNE his plans of the campaign and the work that had already been accomplished. He frankly admitted that, in his opinion, the contest for Senator had narrowed down to a choice between Col. E. W. Keyes and himself, and that of the two candor compelled him to say that he preferred the other man to Keyes. Mr. Sawyer was of the opinion, also, that either Keyes or himself would be chosen Senator, and that there was little probability of the race being won by a dark horse. He spoke in the highest terms of his competitor, Col. Keyes, as a gentleman of great experience in public affairs and as possessing many of the qualifications that go to make a good Senator and statesman. He said it was a friendly contest between Republicans for a high position, and that as far as he was concerned it should be a square stand-up fight, and no blow given below the belt. He added that there were 103 Republican members elected to the next Legislature, and that it would consequently require fifty-two votes to nominate a candidate in the Republican caucus. If some of his personal friends, who had paid closer attention to the subject than he had, were not very much deceived, more than fifty-two members had already expressed their intention to vote for himself. "But," added Mr. Sawyer with a merry twinkle of his mild gray eye, "you know that men are not always to be depended upon in cases of this kind, and that there is many a slip between the cup and the lip." As he was about going to the train, Mr. Sawyer said "good day."

Learning that the Hon. Jesse Spalding was interested with Mr. Sawyer in business in Wisconsin, and that he personally knew a good deal about the present status of the Senatorial campaign in that State, the newspaper man hied him thither, and found the object of his search in his office at No. 248 South Water street. That gentleman acknowledged that he had taken some pains to inform himself in relation to the Senatorial contest now going on in a State where he had large business interests and many correspondents, and that he had no hesitation in saying Mr. Sawyer was well ahead in the race thus far, and he thought he would easily pass under the wire ahead of all his competitors. He had recently visited Wisconsin himself, and conversed with many leading Republicans in Milwaukee and other principal points, and his assurances all tended in the direction of Mr. Sawyer's triumphant election. He had seen a number of lists of members that could be relied upon to vote for Sawyer first, last, and all the time, and they all showed a good majority over the required fifty-two votes. Mr. Spalding thought that Mr. Lawyer's friends had good ground for the belief that their candidate would be successful.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—The Senatorial situation in Pennsylvania is about as follows: Of nearly a dozen candidates in the field a month ago, only three now stand the least chance of election. They are: Cessna, who is believed to be backed by the Cameron influence; ex-Speaker Grow, who is running on the anti-Ring platform; and ex-Congressman Moorhead, who was put forward a few days ago by the businessmen of Pittsburg, who affect to believe that he would represent their interests in the upper branch of Coingress better than any of the others.

Grow says he has enough members of the Legislature pledged to insure his election. Cessna trusts to his backing and to his record as Chairman of the Republican State Committee for success; while Moorhead depends upon the power of money to put him through the Legislative mill.

Of the three men named, Grow is by far the best qualified for the position. His career in Congress was especially brilliant. He proved himself an able debater, a fearless champion of Freedom, an outspoken enemy of Secession, and a firm friend of the Union when it cost something to entertain such opinions.

Cessna is a man of considerable ability, but of limited experience in legislative affairs. His connection with the Ring has weakened his influence with the people, who do not like to have their own thinking and voting. His strength is in the eastern part of the State. He can only be elected by the manipulation of the Legislature, or a coalition of all the anti-Grow interests, which is improbable.

Gen. Moorhead is over 70 years of age. He served five successive terms in Congress without especial distinction. He is a man of the highest respectability, has a thorough knowledge of business, and is very rich. An effort has been made to induce Cameron to give up Cessna and indorse Moorhead, but without success. Moorhead's strength is in Allegheny and a few of the western counties which are dominated by Pittsburg capitalists, who are the head and front of the movement to send him to the Senate.

Grow's present popularity with the people is as great as, if not greater than, at any previous time in his public career. Should there be no defection in the ranks of assembled Republican Legislators to any pledges to support him, he will be elected on the first ballot; but, in the event of a break, of which there is some danger, Cessna would probably slip in. As the matter now stands, Grow is the favorit by large odds, Cessna a good second, and Moorhead a bad third, with no prospect of improving his position. Hoyt, Oliver, Stone, Quay, Rutan, and the rest constitute the field.

INDIANA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 2.—A gentleman who has been much over the State in the past month, and who has given special attention to the Senatorial question, remarked this morning that fifty-one Republican members of the Legislature had told him either verbally or in writing that they thought they should vote for Gen. Harrison for Senator, and a well-known politician who stood by gave it as his opinion that the General would have practically no opposition by the time the caucus met. He said he had never known the sentiment of the party throughout the State to be so nearly unanimous on any one thing as the demand for Gen. Harrison's election. In this county he will have eight out of the nine Representatives and Senators elect.

The State Librarian, whose business it is to provide for the rooms for the Legislature, which meets next month, finds himself without money, the last Legislature having failed to make any provisions for the meeting of its successor. The Contingent Fund of the Governor is also too nearly exhausted to supply the sum needed. In consequence, the State officers held a meeting this morning to see what could be done, and concluded to refer the question to the Attorney-General before taking action in the matter. He will doubtless find some way to provide for the expenses, so that any apprehensions which may have been indulged that the Legislature could not meet may be quieted, and Senatorial ambitions may continue to burn.

William Tibbitts was tried in the United States Court to-day charged with inducing Abram Tobias to vote at the State election in Marion, Grant County, knowing that he was not legally entitled to, and was acquitted. This ends the election trials, of which so much was said by the Democracy soon after the October election. The fact is, there never was a more honest election in the State, and all attempts to create a contrary impression have signally failed.

The Republican Executive State Committee held a meeting this afternoon, at which it was voted to continue active work, keep up county organizations, and keep the lines closed up at every point, that nothing gained this year may be lost in the campaign of 1882. There was a large attendance, and the best feeling was exhibited.

FIRE RECORD.

AT TOPEKA, KAS.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 2.—Crawford's Opera-House, which was opened last September, burned to the ground this morning. The loss is about $30,000; insured for $15,000 in the German American, Queen's, American Central, New York, Hamburg, Magdeburg, British, American Union of California, National of Hartford, St. Paul. Lovejoy's auction store and three other establishments on the ground floor were ruined, but the loss is not yet ascertained.

AT COVINGTON, KY.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 2.—O'Brien Bros.' plug tobacco manufactory, at Covington, Ky., burned this forenoon. Loss on stock, $10,000; on building, $1,500; stock insured for $5,200 in British American, La Confiance, and Kenton. The building was insured for $3,000 in the Royal, of Liverpool.

AT ELDORADO, KAS.

ELDORADO, Kas., Dec. 2.—The Walnut Valley Elevator and Bonanza Mill, owned by E. K. White, burned yesterday, together with some 10,000 bushels of wheat and several thousand bushels of corn. Loss about $30,000. Insurance small.

AT EAU CLAIRE, WIS.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 2.—The store of T. F. Malone, in Eau Claire, burned this morning. Loss, $15,000; partially insured.

CHICAGO.

The alarm of fire from Box No. 133 at 8:50 o'clock yesterday evening was false.

SUICIDE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

KIRKWOOD, Ill., Dec. 2.—A young Swede named Gust Nelson attempted to commit suicide this afternoon by throwing himself on the railroad track in front of a moving freight-train between Monmouth and Kirkwood. The pilot of the engine struck and knocked him off the track, cutting a deep gash in the back of his head and fracturing his collar bone. He was brought to Kirkwood and his wounds dressed. He was then taken to the house of his sister, who lives in the country. It is thought that he may recover. Despondency is attributed as the cause of his attempt at self-destruction.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 2.—James Oates cut his throat with a razor in a Christy avenue saloon to-night. Oates is a theatrical man who has had trouble with his family. Some say he was a relative of Alice, the well-known opera-bouffe artist.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 2.—James Sloan, in jail at Bellefontaine, O., on an indictment for shooting with intent to kill, cut his throat this morning and will die.

I have long prescribed the Shakers' Sarsaparillas, and I think it a most valuable medicine.—Jeremiah Blake, M. D., Gilmanton, N. H.

POLITICAL.

Ohio Electors Visit the President-Elect at His Home in Mentor,

And Are Treated to One of the Most Finished Speeches of the Season.

Large Chance Gathering of Congressmen and Electors at St. Louis.

GEN. GARFIELD.

MENTOR, O., Dec. 2.—During the visit of the Ohio Electors to-day, in response to an address of Gen. Grosvenor in their behalf, Gen. Garfield addressed them, as reported for the Cleveland *Herald*, in the following language:

I am deeply grateful to you for this call, and these personal and public congratulations. If I were to look upon the late campaign and its result merely in the light of a personal struggle and a personal success, it would probably be as gratifying as anything could be in the history of politics. If my own conduct during the campaign has in any way been a help and a strength to our cause, I am glad. It is not always an easy thing to behave well. If, under trying circumstances, my behavior as a candidate for the Presidency has met your approval I am greatly gratified; but the larger subject of your congratulations to the country on the triumph of the Republican party opens a theme too vast for me to enter upon now. I venture, however, to

MENTION A REFLECTION

which has occurred to me in reference to the election of yesterday. I suppose that no political event has happened in all the course of the loontest since the early spring which caused so little excitement, and indeed so little public observation, as the Presidential election which was held yesterday at midday. The American people paid but little attention to the details of the real Presidential election, and for a very significant reason. Although you and all the members of the Electoral Colleges had the absolute constitutional and technical right to vote for anybody you chose, and though no written law directed or suggested your choice, yet every American knew that the august sovereign of this Republic,—the 9,000,000 of voters,—on an early day in November had pronounced the omnipotent fiat of choice, and that sovereign, assuming as done that which he had ordered to be done, entertained no doubt that his will would be implicitly obeyed by all the Colleges in all the States. That is the reason why the people were so serenely quiet yesterday. They had never yet found an American who had

FAILED TO KEEP HIS TRUST

as a Presidential Elector. From this thought I draw this lesson: That when that omnipotent sovereign, the American people, speaks to one man and orders him to do a duty, that man is under the most solemn obligations of duty, except those that the God of the universe might impose upon him. Yesterday, through your votes and the votes of others in the various States of the Union, it is probable (the returns will show) that our great political sovereign has laid his commands upon me. If he has done so, I am as bound by his will and his great inspiration and purpose as I could be bound by any consideration that this earth can impose upon any human being. In that presence, therefore, I stand and am awed by the majesty and authority of such a command. In so far as I can interpret the best aspirations and purposes of our august sovereign, I shall

SEEK TO REALIZE THEM.

You and I, and those who have acted with us in the years past, believe that our sovereign loves liberty, and desires for all the inhabitants of the Republic peace and prosperity under the sway of just and equal laws.

Gentlemen, I thank you for this visit, for this welcome, for the suggestions that your presence and your words bring, and the hope that you have expressed in the arduous and great work before us we may maintain the standard of Nationality and promote all that is good and worthy in this country, and during the coming four years we may raise just as large a crop of peace, prosperity, justice, liberty, and culture as it is possible for forty-nine millions of people to raise.

Gov. Foster was master of ceremonies, presenting the visitors to Gen. Garfield.

After an interchange of greetings two hours were passed in informal social intercourse, after which the company returned to Cleveland and dispersed for home, except Gov. Foster, who remained at Mentor.

GEN. GARFIELD'S HEALTH.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 2.—The attention of Mr. Richard Smith, the editor of the *Gazette*, having been called to the publication of an interview in which he is made to say that Gen. Garfield is in serious condition physically, and that he needs careful nursing, says he made no such statement. What he does say on the subject is, that, traveling with Gen. Garfield from Washington, he observed that he was troubled with indigestion, the result of overwork. Mr. Smith and other of Gen. Garfield's friends think he is overtaxed by visitors coming to Mentor, and that he should go somewhere where he could escape this tax. Nobody considers his physical condition as at all serious.

ST. LOUIS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—Among to-day's arrivals in the city are quite a number of Congressmen and Senators and others on their way to the National Capital. Of the Missouri members the Hon. R. P. Bland and wife, of the Fifth District, are staying at the Lindell; the Hon. Samuel L. Sawyer, of the Eighth District, and G. F. Rothwell, of the Tenth, took the east-bound morning train. The Hon. N. Ford, of the Ninth, will pass through the city this evening. United States Senator Windom, of Minnesota, is at the Lindell, and will depart to-night. Senator J. D. Walker and Congressmen T. M. Gunter and J. R. Pettigrew, of Arkansas, are registered at the Planters', and will also leave to-night. A delegation from the Creek Nation are at the Planters' House on their way to Washington to urge some special legislation. The Hon. J. F. Williams, of Macon; Marshall Arnold, of Scott; J. E. Organ, of Dent; Champ Clark, of Pike; H. N. Phillips, of Stoddart,—all Presidential Electors,—came down from Jefferson City this morning, en route to their respective homes. The Electors from St. Louis returned with them, after casting the vote of the State for Hancock and English. W. P. Bentley, of this city, was chosen as messenger to carry the returns to Washington.

IOWA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 2.—The name of the Hon. J. K. Graves, of this city, seems to be booming for the Governorship of Iowa. He is one of the most popular men in Iowa, and his popularity at home is shown by his election to the Legislature from Dubuque County, which has a Democratic majority of 2,800. Mr. Graves was seen by your correspondent this evening, and expresses himself very plainly that, if the people want him to enter the field, he will do so willingly. Mr. Graves has every qualification for the office, and he would make a Governor of whom the State could feel proud. Dubuquers, irrespective of party, hope the Graves boom will continue and finally land Dubuque's favorite in the Governor's chair.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 2.—The State Board of Canvassers to-day decided the majority of M. E. Cutts, Republican, as member of Congress from the Sixth District, is 180 over Cook, Democrat, counting in the two disputed townships, which effectually squelches Cook.

ILLINOIS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 2.—Representative O. H. Wright, of Belvidere, is a candidate for the Speakership of the next session of the Illinois General Assembly. He is quite strongly indorsed by the Belvidere *Northwestern*, and the Rockford *Gazette*, his home journal, speaks of him as follows: "He is a gentleman of culture and broad views, a ripe scholar, not over partisan, a successful business man, and has had much experience in life, which is valuable to any man elevated to such a position." Mr. Wright was quite popular during the last Assembly, and will no doubt make a strong run for the position.

NOT YET ARRESTED.

Up to a late hour last night the thieves who stole Mr. John Morrow's trunk containing $6,000 worth of jewelry last Friday night, from the sidewalk in front of the Clifton House, had not been arrested, although detectives thought it probable they would be. It is quite evident the police authorities have not the slightest clew to the thieves, and unless Bank-Detective Aldrich divulges the name of the party whom he negotiated with for the recovery of the goods, or gives information he is believed to possess in regard to the matter, none will be had. The sensational arrests at the Clifton House Wednesday night have had the effect to alarm the whole army of "fences," or receivers of stolen property, that infest this city and place a good premium on thieving. That class of cormorants who live by the proceeds of thefts and bleed the thieves so that but little is left the latter after they have settled with them loomed up in force at the Armory Police Court yesterday during the examination of E. Isaacs, the Clark street pawnbroker, whose place adjoins police headquarters, and who is believed by certain detectives to have had a hand in secreting the stolen jewelry, and subsequently turning it over to Aldrich, or to some one who gave it to that person for him.

It has been said that Mr. Morrow did not act squarely in his negotiations with Aldrich,—seeking to recover the goods and also obtain the return of the money he had paid. His evidence, printed elsewhere, was given in a straightforward manner, and without any reservations. The money—$700—was paid to Aldrich, and there was evidently no expectation of getting it back.

CANADA.

The Bargain with the Syndicate to Build the Pacific Railroad.

The Government to Give $25,000,000 in Money and 25,000,000 Acres of Land.

An Outcry from the Toronto Globe Against Such an "Enormous Expenditure."

PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—The terms of the bargain with the syndicate to build the Canada Pacific Railroad are published in the *Globe*. The announcement is made on what it believes to be unimpeachable authority; and, having a friend at court, who is in a position to know, the statement is doubtless reliable. The *Globe* says: "It has long been asserted and admitted that the amount paid by the Government is $25,000,000, and the amount of the land-subsidy 25,000,000 acres. We are now in a position to state that the line to be constructed is divided into three sections, for which the payments in money will vary according to the difficulty and costliness of the work. These sections are as follows: Nipissing to Thunder Bay, north of Lake Superior, about 600 miles; Red River to the Rocky Mountains, about 1,000 miles; British Columbia, excluding portion already under contract, about 400 miles. For the Lake Superior section a bonus of $20,000 and 20,000 acres per mile has been allotted,—making a total of over 12,000,000 of each, or nearly half the whole subsidy. For the British Columbia section the bonus is 20,000 acres and $15,000 per mile, or a total of 8,000,000 acres and $6,400,000 for the section of 1,000 miles across the plains, or an average of about 5,000 acres and $6,600 a mile. Put in tabular form, the statistics for the different sections are as follows:

	Dollars.	Acres.
Lake Superior	12,600,000	12,600,000
Red River to Rocky Mountains	5,000,000	5,000,000
British Columbia	8,000,000	8,000,000
Total	25,000,000	25,000,000

"We are also in a position to state that the whole of the land is to be taken from the fertile belt of the Northwest. This puts the scheme, as a whole, in a startling light. For constructing and working the Lake Superior section, which can be dispensed with for years to come, and which the syndicate are compelled by their bargain to undertake at once, the country is to be called on to pay a subsidy in money and land equivalent to $20,000 a mile. For constructing and working the British Columbia section, which can also be safely postponed until the country is in a better financial position, there is a bonus in money and land equivalent to $56,000 a mile." The *Globe* claims that, "For the present, the whole of this enormous expenditure might be avoided by confining the scheme to the completion of the works under contract, and the extension of the road westward from the Red River to the Rocky Mountains. The task before Parliament, when it meets in January, is to decide whether, in the present condition of the country, the scheme for building the whole line at such fearful cost, before it is required, shall be undertaken, or a more moderate and business-like course shall be adopted."

MISCELLANEOUS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—Maj. Walsh, of the Northwest Mounted Police, will stay in Brockville until Dec. 14,—his leave of absence having been extended.

An evening paper says; "One of the Cabinet Ministers has been patriotically endeavoring to burn Nova Scotia coal at his residence in Ottawa, but ordered several tons of it sent back to the dealer as unfit for use. In view of the complaints about the quality of Nova Scotia coal, it would be well for Parliament to institute inquiries. Belleville got some for the gas-works, and there was dissatisfaction with it. Hamilton vessel-owners, who have used it while navigating the Gulf of St. Lawrence, report most unfavorably about it. It is impostion enough to pay a tax put on with the intention of neutralizing the effect of distance in price of coal; but, when an endeavor is made to tax us for using coal of a poor quality, it is time for resentment. How can Canadians be made rich by the operations of a law which forces them to pay more for coal, coal-oil, and other prime necessities, than they would have to pay if allowed to buy in the cheapest market?"

The first forty-seven miles (from Pembroke to Mackies) of the Canada Central Railroad extension has been handed over by the contractors, and is now being operated in connection with the rest of the line. Trains are now running from Ottawa to a point about 150 miles north. The contractors are also running trains from Mackies to Bisset's Creek, about fifteen miles farther northwest; and expect by Christmas to send their locomotives to Deux Rivers, twelve miles farther on; or, in other words, the iron horse will by that time have penetrated about 190 miles into the wilderness north of Ottawa, and three-fourths of the way to Lake Nipissing.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

HALIFAX, Dec. 2.—The Chamber of Commerce held another meeting to consider the winter-port question. A telegram from the Minister of Railways was read, stating that orders had been issued by the Government to the Superintendent of the Inter-Colonial Railway to secure two cargoes of grain, with the object of testing the capability of Halifax as the winter-port of the Dominion, and that, in the event of the experiment proving a success, a proposition would be submitted to Parliament for the erection of an elevator in that city. A committee was finally appointed to arrange for a public meeting to consider the subject.

CASUALTIES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WAUPACA, Wis., Dec. 2.—News has just arrived giving the particulars of a serious accident that happened on the Green Bay & Minnesota Railroad west of Scandinavia. Two men by the name of Newton and Blank were crossing the track in a lumber wagon with a span of horses, when the train came suddenly around a curve, and killed both horses, demolished the wagon, and seriously hurt one of the men. His injuries are internal, and are considered dangerous. The train struck the team square, and tossed the men several feet into the air.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., Dec. 2.—A fatal accident occurred a few miles west of this city last night. Mrs. William Loveless was so severely burned that she died from the injuries in a few hours. While standing before a fireplace her dress caught fire, and, being alone in the house, she was terribly burned before help arrived. She was an old resident of Macoupin County. She was 71 years old, and left a large number of friends and relatives.

How Mrs. Grant Didn't Go to a Banquet.

New York Correspondence St. Louis Republican.

A banquet was to be given to the General by one of the Japanese dignitaries, and so much of the learning and the power of the Japanese was to be represented that the General was anxious to have his share of the entertainment well conducted. Mrs. Grant was accordingly requested to be in readiness at a certain hour, so that there would be no delay. When the hour arrived she had not made her toilet. The General sent to her and found that she had a Japanese silk peddler in her room. The man's wares were spread all around, and she was asking prices and trying to make a bargain. It was time to start, and the General went ahead in his vehicle, leaving a member of his traveling company at the hotel to follow with Mrs. Grant as soon as she was ready. This gentleman paced the hall for an hour, waiting for the ex-President's wife. She was deep in business with the silk peddler, and apparently forgot all about the banquet. At length the peddler went away, pleased at the sales he had made, and Mrs. Grant began to make her toilet. She "hurried on her things," and at length was ready. As the vehicle was on the way to the banquet-hall, Mrs. Grant spied her husband returning. Dinner was over, and he was on his way back, covered with flowers and decorations and laden with presents. "Goodness me!" exclaimed Mrs. Grant; "there's Ulyss. I know he's mad from the way he looks. Stop and let me get out." She quickly descended from the carriage, got into the one occupied by the General, and returned to the hotel. She said to her escort the next day that "Ulyss was so mad he hadn't spoken to her yet." The incident did not escape Grant's "Boswell," but it was not recorded.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1880.

WHERE were John Kelly and William H. Barnum when the thirty-five Electoral votes of New York were cast for James Abram Garfield and Chester Absalom Arthur "amidst great applause"? The soft, low voice of the Tammany Fraud Committee was not heard in the land at that important juncture.

THE Lough Mask expedition in Ireland had to take a well-assorted commissariat along. It had condensed milk, concentrated coffee, salt, cured meats, hard-tack, pots and pans, candles, dark-lanterns, and fog-horns. If it had been moving about the North Pole or down the River Congo it would not have needed a more thorough equipment, except for the matter of a few looking-glasses and glass beads. The omission of the beads was a mistake.

THE Democratic plan of forcing a Civil-Service Reform bill on President Hayes, and getting the cheap glory of a death-bed repentance, will not work. It would be like the last act of an old sinner dying intestate and willing his neighbor's property to found a charity. The motive of the thing would be transparent. Civil-Service reform instituted by Democrats to bother Republicans, if it should ever go into operation at all, would redound to the credit of those who executed it in good faith, not to those who conceived it in a spirit of petty malice and spite.

A PLAN for the irrigation of the Mississippi River between St. Louis and Cairo would be immensely popular in the former city. The elevators are choked with grain, and the barges can't get up or down, as there are only three feet of water on the bars. Capt. Eads lives in St. Louis, and it is very unpatriotic of him to be fooling around the Isthmus of Tehuantepec with a scheme for a ship-railway when his own native village pines for an improvement of that kind a thousand times more than the Tehuantepeckers, whoever they may be.

THE appointment of Gen. Howard to be commandant at West Point in place of Gen. Schofield would be recognized by the country as eminently suitable. Gen. Howard is a good soldier and at the same time a consistent friend of the colored race. He would give no undue advantage to colored cadets, but he would accord them the protection to which they are entitled as citizens of the United States. The colored cadet gets his appointment on the same terms and in the same manner as the white cadet, and both have the same status in the eye of the law and the military regulations. Gen. Howard would endeavor to prevent unjust discriminations on account of race, whether they should be in the direction of ostracising the colored cadets socially or of giving them special privileges merely because they have negro blood in their veins.

THE exhibit of the commerce of Buffalo for the season just closed is very satisfactory to the people of that city. The receipts of grain, including flour, by water up to Dec. 1 were 108,668,788 bushels, as against 74,572,659 in 1879, and 83,198,730 in 1878, the largest previous year. The gain in one year is nearly equal to the entire grain receipts of the port ten years ago. The total shipments by canal from the opening to Nov. 30 were 71,850,696, as compared with 54,118,229 in 1879, 58,735,509 in 1878, and 48,631,934 in 1877. The canal tolls, in spite of the great reductions in rates, were $1,643,136, or $200,000 more than in any previous year, and the number of boats cleared 10,028, or 1,000 more than in any previous year. The period of the decadence of the Erie Canal has clearly not yet begun. The results of this year's business should induce the Legislature to adopt a more liberal policy towards this great National highway, as also to recognize the fact that the lateral branches are in most instances only blood-suckers that need to be lopped off for the benefit of the whole system.

THERE is a strong probability that Judge Davis, of Illinois, will hold the balance of power in the Senate for the two years after the 4th of March next, which will be to the end of his own term. The Judge's position will really be the most important of any member of the Chamber. Voting with the Democrats, the Senate may be a tie; voting with the Republicans, the supporters of the new Administration will have a working majority. They may still have it if Senator Mahone, of Virginia, acts with them; but that can hardly be looked for. There is some chance of the election of a Republican Senator in Tennessee. But in any case Judge Davis' vote will almost every day decide the question or tie—leaving that duty to the Vice-President. For the first half of his political life, Judge Davis was a Whig of anti-slavery proclivities; for the next third of his political life he was a Republican, but of conservative sentiments; for two or three years he was "independent" between the great parties, and during the last year he has somewhat leaned toward the Democracy. How he stands since the election we have not heard; he is believed, however, to feel quite friendly towards Gen. Garfield, and to esteem him very highly, altho it is said that he voted for Hancock. The Judge never was cut out for much of a partisan—his turn of mind being too judicial for that; he sees good and bad actions in both parties, and estimates them accordingly.

THE *Globe* and *Mail* of Toronto naturally take opposit views of the policy of the Canadian Government with reference to the new Pacific Railway Syndicate. The *Globe* believes that the Lake Superior section, for which $12,000,000 and 12,000,000 acres of land, or nearly one-half the whole subsidy, have been allotted, can be dispensed with for years to come; and that Quebec and Ontario can have connections with the new system of roads through the United States without detriment to the interests of either country. The *Mail*, on the other hand, insists upon the completion of the whole work at once, on the ground that a vigorous national policy demands an unbroken highway from tide-water to tide-water. The subsidies for the different sections are as follows:

Lake Superior	$12,000,000 and 12,000,000 acres.
Red River to Rocky Mountains	6,400,000 and 5,000,000 acres.
British Columbia	6,600,000 and 8,000,000 acres.
Total	$25,000,000 and 25,000,000 acres.

All the land is to be taken from the fertile Northwest region. The decision of this question is closely allied with the future prosperity of the country. The Government party believes the building of the road would stop emigration, which has lately been proceeding at the rate of nearly 100,000 persons annually. But the opposition explain the movement of population by saying that it is due to the imposition of high tariff duties. Probably neither side is wholly right. The United States are attracting the people of Canada on the old principle of natural philosophy: that the greater mass attracts the less. This would be true if other things were equal, as they are not. Better lands, better markets, and more widespread prosperity conspire to make the United States more advantageous for homes of thrifty and enterprising people than Canada is or can be. A Pacific railway in Canada will not make an important difference, especially as there will soon be three such railways in the States, with prospects of several more.

THE PROSPECTS FOR AN EXTRA SESSION.

A topic which commands considerable attention at the National Capital is the possible extra session of the new Congress which may follow the short closing session of the present Congress. The present Congress inaugurated an inglorious career with an extra session which was rendered necessary by premeditated lapses in the legislation required for the running of the Government. But partisan politics and reactionary measures took the place of National law-making. There is a praiseworthy desire on the part of many Republicans to offset the Democratic failure of the Forty-sixth Congress with a Republican success in the Forty-seventh Congress. It would undoubtedly be better for the country if the law required the opening of the new Congress contemporaneously with the incoming of the new Administration. In the absence of such legal requirements many obstacles will be raised to prevent an extra session next March.

The Democrats will be averse to an extra session, and though it is not expected they will have much influence with the next Administration, they may do much to avert any necessity for calling together the new Congress by providing the legislation that may be actually demanded for Government purposes. The chief objection to an extra session among Democrats is based upon the fact that a postponement of the organization of the new Congress will leave a considerable patronage in their hands. The present Democratic officers and employés of Congress would go on drawing their pay during several months, whereas they would lose their places by an organization of the new Congress immediately following the close of the regular session. Office is the last thing that Democrats are willing to abandon. This consideration may induce the Democratic managers to yield points at the coming session and agree to legislation which they would otherwise contest. If all the appropriation bills be passed, and a satisfactory Refunding bill be adopted, it will be contended with a good deal of force that no emergencies exist requiring an extra session. On the Republican side there are several reasons for desiring an extra session outside of the repossession of the patronage belonging to Congress. It is now conceded that the Republicans will have a clear majority of not less than fourteen in the new House. The shrewder politicians will want to guard against accidents by electing their Speaker at once and insuring their control of Congress. It will be argued on this side that death and defection may possibly weaken the Republican strength if the organization of the new House be postponed till the following December. It will be feared that the general policy or some particular acts of the new Administration may create dissatisfaction among the Greenbackers and Independents who are now counted on to vote with the Republicans in the matter of organization. It will be urged with truth that the country demands certain important legislation which the present Congress has thus far neglected, and which it will undoubtedly omit to pass this winter. It is fair to presume that the President-elect will carefully consider what the leading men in Congress will suggest in this matter. He will not show the same disregard of Congressional counsel which has been characteristic of Mr. Hayes' Administration. Gen. Garfield has been a member of Congress continuously during nearly eighteen years, and his associations have given him a high consideration for what has been called "Congressional interference" with affairs of the Administration. He will be inclined to defer to any preponderating sentiment on the Republican side in favor of an extra session. It is not yet certain that this course will be urged upon him, but there are circumstances which render it probable. All local influences will be favorable to it, because Washington without Congress is a dreary and profitless place, and the country at large will not object if there be a fair promise of needed legislation, which the Democrats have neglected during their two years of Congressional supremacy. If there were to be a clear and trustworthy Republican majority in the two Houses of the next Congress, the necessity for additional legislation to insure the enforcement of the Constitutional Amendments and the United States law in States formerly in rebellion, and to promote free elections and a fair count everywhere, would be a sufficient and timely purpose for an extra session. The present outlook, however, is that the Senate can only be controlled by the Republicans at best through the casting vote of the Vice-President, and legislation designed to correct election abuses in the South may be impossible of achievement. But there is another way in which the same end may possibly be attained and also arouse public concern in this phase of American politics to a degree that mere projects of legislation will not excite. The President's power to convene an extra session is only limited by the constitutional provision "that he may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them." If the new President were to frame a proclamation summoning Congress to meet in extra session on the ground that conspicuous and disgraceful frauds had been committed in the late election in certain portions of the country, and for the purpose of affording an opportunity to Congress to purge itself of the members claiming seats on a negation of the popular will in their districts, he would make a special session necessary. No other treatment of the case would arrest public attention of completely. The new House, which is the sole judge of its own membership, would then have the opportunity to proceed at once to send back fraudulently-elected members to their constituencies, instead of dragging out such cases through two years, and thus condoning the frauds by delay and indifference. It would be a notice to Southern communities that they could persist in their bulldozing, their ballot-box stuffing, and counting-out, but they could not be represented in Congress on that basis. This plan might prove as effective a remedy for Southern fraud as any new struggle for additional legislation to protect the electoral rights of citizens. It would certainly be a novel and striking procedure for the President to convene an extra session of Congress on that basis, and would give to the Southern election practices an importance which they ought to have in the public mind till they shall have been reformed altogether.

MONEY AND BUSINESS.

Late official and commercial reports throw a good deal of light on the conditions affecting business and the money market. Both the Bank of England and the Bank of France are shown, by their usual weekly reports, cabled yesterday to this country, to have again lost heavily of specie during the past week. Five millions of dollars has been taken out of the specie-reserves of the Bank of England, now reduced to $126,500,000; and the Bank of France has parted with $2,000,000,—leaving it a coin-reserve of only $110,000,000. New York is counting on the arrival of $12,000,000 of specie, which is known to be afloat for that port.

This golden stream, while it continues, will keep the money and stock markets of this country in a similar state of exhilaration to that produced in Germany by the French indemnity. But indications are to be seen which point to a steady diminution of this irrigating flood, and possibly to its being turned the other way. A report just issued by Mr. Nimmo, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, states that the excess of this country's exports of merchandise over imports of merchandise was but $155,572,156 for the twelve months ended Oct. 31, 1880, against $269,257,133 for the twelve months ended Oct. 31, 1879. In other words, while the exports from all ports increased during those twelve months from $742,560,504 in 1879 to $867,941,237 in 1880, the imports, rolling up much more rapidly, have gone from $473,303,483 to $712,369,071. At that rate of increase, it will not take the imports much more than a year to outstrip the exports. Foreign papers note a growing American demand for European luxuries. The bullion movement this way shows an increase. In the twelve months ended Oct. 31, we imported in excess of exports $67,214,821 this year, as against $43,763,343 last year. Putting specie and merchandise together, the total excess of exports over imports for the twelve months is but $88,357,335 for the year ending with Oct. 31 last, against a total of $225,493,789 in the preceding year.

No exaggerated importance should be given to the fact that importations are swelling in volume more rapidly than the exports. But past experience proves too rapid an acceleration of purchases abroad to be an unerring danger-signal of speculation and extravagance at home; and those who want to know the true financial bearings of this country will do well to scrutinize closely its foreign-trade returns. Our present position as a heavy importer of gold is not a natural one. This country in ordinary times is a seller of its bullion-product abroad. European bankers begin to look with disgust upon the steady outflow of their specie to this country. No steps have been taken by them to check it, as it usually arrests itself about the end of November. But, if it continue, there will without doubt be some action by European financiers to save the rest of their gold, or as much of it as they can.

In the London money market, as here, there are to be felt the first pulsations of a more active demand for money. Rates are rising legitimately, though exaggerated in New York by speculative manipulation. Present indications point decidedly to the prospect that there will not again for many years be the surplus of money for investment in high-priced securities that there has been during the past two or three years. Industry is taking one of its periodic starts forward all over the world; and millions upon millions of dollars, and pounds, and francs that have been timorously seeking refuge in Government bonds and gilt-edge securities will go forth into the world of business. Rising prices of real estate show that the capital market is passing through a transition. People are looking for something better than 3¼ per cent.

Vast profits are contingent upon these calculations of the future of the money market. Above every other financial project for the coming year looms the refunding of the United States bonds due or payable in 1881, amounting to nearly $700,000,000. None of these are absolutely due except the inconsiderable Oregon war debt of 1861, amounting to $711,800. Our 4 per cents are selling at a price which nets the investor less than 3.4 per cent interest. It will make a difference of many millions of dollars a year to the taxpayers of this country if the 5 and 6 per cent bonds are refunded into 3½s or 4s, or are left to run at their present rates of interest. The rate at which they can be refunded will depend upon the money market; and it does not seem hazardous to predict that investors will not take, in a time of renewed enterprise and more active demand for their capital, a security that yields less than they received from their Governments when these were the refuge for their idle money. November's debt-statement, just published, gives a reduction of $3,609,261 in the debt during the month, and of $37,291,138 in the past six months. A refunding policy that would leave the Government free to apply its surplus revenues, as heretofore, to the extinction of the debt, would be of great assistance to the financiers who have undertaken to float huge railroad loans, like the Northern Pacific, as it would turn capital from Governments into other investments.

Controller Knox's statement of Dec. 1 shows an increase of National-bank currency during the year of $3,946,018. It is a fact, notwithstanding the loud complaints of the banks about the tax on circulation, that, at the present prices of 4 per cents, capital invested in circulation pays, by a slight percentage, a better profit than capital in ordinary loans. If the Government places a large number of new low-rate bonds next year on the market, one effect will no doubt be a large increase in the National-bank note circulation, which is now larger than it has been for several years. It is now $343,834,107, and was $333,791,674 in 1876. Better rates for loans, an urgent demand from the interior for currency, and a 3½ per cent bond at par would give all the conditions for an inflation of National-bank circulation that would add materially to the already enormous volume of our currency.

A NEW ELECTORAL EXPERIMENT IN FRANCE.

Among the new bills which have been presented to the French Parliament is one which contemplates a radical change in the method of electing the members of the Chambers. The present system, called the *scrutin d'arrondissement*, is not dissimilar to our method of electing Congressmen. It divides France into 362 election districts, each sending one Deputy, and an additional Deputy, if its population exceeds 100,000, for each 100,000 or fraction thereof. The new bill proposes a system, styled the *scrutin de liste*, by which the department, instead of the arrondissement or district, becomes the unit of representation. There are eighty-seven of these departments in France, and the law allows one Deputy for every 70,000 people, and one additional for every 35,000 exceeding that number, which would make the total number of Deputies about the same as at present. The method of voting, however, will be radically changed, as each elector, instead of voting for the candidate from his district, as we do in this country, will vote for as many candidates as his department may be entitled to in the Chamber, which in some departments would be as high as thirty-four. A fair illustration of the method would be to suppose the State of Illinois to be divided into two departments instead of nineteen districts, each elector voting in one department for ten Congressmen, and in the other for nine.

It is stated that the majority of the Republicans in France favor the *scrutin de liste* and they offer various reasons, among them the following: 1. That it would divide the voters into great political masses, voting for ideas rather than for persons, and that local representatives would give way to national representatives, the exponents of broad national questions rather than of narrow local issues. 2. That it will tend to educate the voter, and emancipate the Deputies from the personal obligations which now cramp them. 3. That under the new system the Chamber will be national in its character, and that its legislation will be correspondingly national and the influence of the Republican party can be brought more evenly to bear upon the whole country, and thus it can more easily contend with the monarchical elements, which are massed in certain localities. These may be advantages, but it is questionable whether they are not more than offset by the disadvantages, if not possible evils, that must flow from such a system. The French Republicans have shown themselves possessed of a large degree of courage, intelligence, and good sense in administering their public affairs, but it will hardly be claimed that they have the intelligence or the experience in maintaining a Republic that our own people have, nor have they been exposed to such fearful tests. It is certain that such a system would not work in our own country. If each elector had the privilege of voting for twenty Congressmen instead of one, it is pretty certain that there would be twenty times as much corruption as there is now, and that the caucus which nominated the twenty candidates would equal the scene at the Tower of Babel for confusion. The elector now has some part in the selection of candidates, but that he would have any voice in the naming of all the candidates from his department would be as manifestly impossible as it would be for him to have any intelligent idea of nineteen of the candidates for whom he was voting, unless they should come from his particular locality. Such a system would open the door wide to confusion and corruption in our own country, and if this were the case in a Republic so well grounded as ours, what would it prove in France, where the republican form of government has hardly yet advanced beyond the stage of experiment?

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD ANACONDA.

The publication of Judge Jere Black's argument upon the legal status of railway corporations and railway property (which appeared in yesterday's TRIBUNE) cannot fail to attract the attention of the whole American people; nor should it fail to command the action of Congress upon the great interests involved and the outrages and abuses perpetrated by these corporations. Judge Black lays down certain fundamental propositions which railroad corporations may find they are not at liberty to disregard. Some of these may be thus stated:

1. Railroad corporations have certain vested rights which are sacred, but railroads are not the property of the companies who run them, to do with as they please.

2. In every case the railroad belongs to the State, and all the people have a right to use it. Corporations have no proprietary title to the roads, but a mere franchise exercisable thereon.

3. Railroad corporations are the agents of the State for the performance of a public duty; and the State in any of a variety of contingencies may take the road, operate it, or employ a new agent. The company can no more retain the road than a collector of customs going out of office can appropriate to himself the custom-house in which he had performed his official work.

Applying these principles, Judge Black, following the Supreme Court decisions in the Granger cases, uses this language:

> The two companies between Omaha and San Francisco raised in cash out of Government bonds, lands, and mortgages of their franchises four or five times as much as they necessarily expended upon the roads. The stockholders, without paying anything, put the enormous surplus into their pockets. These roads, thus built at the public expense, and in some cases sold for the public five times over, are now claimed as the private property of the companies, and the right of the public to use them as highways is utterly denied. Nevertheless, I think the claim of these companies to take a reasonable tolls stands upon the same foundation as that of companies whose roads were built by the stockholders themselves, at their own proper expense. The grant of lands invested the grantees with a title which could not be revoked if the conditions of it were performed. If they sold or mortgaged the land and invested the proceeds in the construction of a railroad under a charter from a State or General Government, which authorizes them to take a fair profit in the shape of tolls, they have as good a right to the tolls as if the capital to build the road had been raised by themselves,—that is to say, those companies which built the roads with capital donated by the public have the same right as other companies to charge reasonable toll, but their denial of excessive tolls, though not worse in law, seems in the eye of natural reason a greater outrage. If railroad corporations have the unlimited power which they claim, then all business is at their mercy. Agriculture, commerce, manufactures must suffer what they choose to inflict. They may rob labor of the bread it wins and deprive all other enterprise of its just reward. Though this power does not belong to them legally, they have been permitted to usurp it, and I need not tell you that they have grossly abused it. They vow that they make their exactions with an eye single to their own advantage, without considering any right or interest of the public. They boldly express their determination to charge "as much as the traffic will bear,"—that is to say, they will take from the profits of every man's business as much as can be taken *without compelling him to quit it.* In the aggregate, this amounts to the most enormous oppression and unjust tax that ever was laid upon the industry of any people under the sun. The irregularity with which this tax is laid makes it all the harder to bear. Men go into a business which may thrive at present rates, and will find themselves crushed by burdens unexpectedly thrown upon them after. It is the habit of the railroad companies to change their rates of transportation often and suddenly,—in particular, to make the charges ruinously high without any notice at all.

Government-built Pacific railways have been carrying on this remorseless robbery of the American people ever since they were built. The companies have been defiant, insolent, and rapacious. They have asserted that the property is their own, to do what they please with, that they had the power to demand whatever rates they chose, and these rates they have exacted. They have absorbed all the money and the proceeds of all the lands granted them by the Government; they have issued to themselves bonds and capital stock without a penny in consideration; and they have divided among themselves tens of millions of the earnings of the roads, leaving their indebtedness to the Government to take care of.

Judge Black does not exaggerate the enormity of the administration of these roads. They have declared themselves to be independent of the Government, and now put its powers at defiance.

One of the most striking circumstances attending this whole business is the seeming indifference with which the Congressional representatives of the people who have thus for ten years been plundered have looked on. The people of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Colorado, California, Nevada, and Oregon—States having nearly one-third of the members of both Houses of Congress—have endured this robbery for ten years, and this without any resistance from their Senators or their Representatives, and without an effort to interpose the National authority to break up this remorseless extortion practiced by an agent of the United States.

The decisions of the Supreme Court in the Granger cases recognized and established the supreme authority of the States and of the General Government over these railroad corporations, but these Senators and Representatives of the immediate population most persistently victimized have been comparatively mute in the presence of the giant combination which was robbing their constituents. Mr. Reagan has been urging a mild, defective, weak bill, one whose chief merit was that it was an assertion of the power of the Government to control and regulate these corporations; but that bill has been invariably strangled, and the autocratic companies have gone on in their plunder. Now will these Representatives of these Western States, taking Judge Black's definition of the relative rights of the State and of the corporations as a guide, mature and press such legislation as will rescue the Western people from this corporate anaconda, which is crushing the life out of the business done over those Government lines? How much longer will they be allowed to charge seven to eight cents a mile for travel, and three to four times a fair price for freights? Why have the Western Congressmen been so derelict, indifferent, and apathetic to the bleeding and plundering of their constituents?

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A Dublin correspondent of a Tory paper says: Evidence of the wide and rapid spread of Land-League terrorism in districts hitherto peaceable is increasing daily. Honest tenant-farmers wince under the tyrannical pressure put upon them by the League, and earnestly desire to be relieved therefrom. Owners and agents complain that the state of affairs is worse than it was a month ago. There is now almost a universal suspension of the payment of rent. Griffith's valuation only being offered on every estate in the districts under the influence of the League.

We suspect that the "tenant-farmers" whose rents the Land League have forced down to the Government (Griffith's) valuation stand the oppression without "wincing" very badly. A tenant who has been rack-rented to the tune of $10 per acre, when the Government estimate of the land makes the rental only $5 per acre, won't "wince" much when the Land League requests him to tender only the Government valuation, or $5 per acre. The Land League is a union of half a million of tenant-farmers who have resolved to put a stop to rack-renting, and refuse to bid against each other or to rent farms from which a brother farmer has been evicted by a remorseless landlord for non-payment of extortionate and impossible rents. The only "terrorism" the Land League is spreading thro Ireland is among the rapacious land monopolists who have heretofore robbed the people. On Griffith's valuation the rentals of Ireland will exceed £13,000,000, or sixty-five millions of dollars. How that little island can raise such a sum for rents is almost incomprehensible to an American; but the rents that have been wrenched out of its miserable population for many years past have exceeded a hundred millions of dollars per year.

SAYS the *Pall Mall Gazette* of the 16th ult.: The announcement very recently made that Herr Krupp has successfully tendered for 3,000 tons of steel rails for a Norfolk (Eng.) railway will be but unsatisfactory news for the British iron trade, and will revive again in all its force the old bogy of foreign competition. Germany has, no doubt, increased her iron and steel production very remarkably of late years, the statistics of her make showing that both pig and merchant iron have been doubling from one decade to another with the greatest steadiness. But the secret of Herr Krupp's being able to supply the demand of the Norfolk contractor at prices considerably below the tenders of our own ironmasters probably lies in the unremitting care and attention which the Essen house has bestowed on the recent changes of manufacture, and the many experiments which Herr Krupp has himself initiated to secure the best and cheapest mode of dephosphorization. There is no doubt that in the matter of cheap steel Prussia is somewhat before England at the present time, and the experiment at the Essen and Hoerde Works are proving the fact in a somewhat uncomfortable way for the British trader.

GEORGE B. ROBINSON, the Lieutenant-Governor-elect of Colorado who met his death accidentally a few days ago, was but 32 years of age, and was reputed to be worth $3,000,000. Luck did not make him rich. He had saved a snug little capital before he went to Colorado. When he was clerk in a National bank at Kalamazoo, Mich., he put by several thousands of dollars, with which he was able to join in starting a National bank at Allegan, in his native county. In the latter place he was still thrifty, prudent, and economical, and left the bank with $30,000. With this comfortable nest-egg he moved to Colorado, and his capital was the foundation of his fortune. He started in business at once in Leadville with a large store. His trade brought him into intimate relations with miners and prospectors. When a rich mine came in his way he bought it. That is all there was of the "good luck" of George B. Robinson.

JAY GOULD made his first stake in 1859, and when the War was over was known to be worth millions. When he went out of Erie he sold 50,000 shares of the stock of that road short at 65, and gathered them in at 40. The operation netted him a million. He next bought 25,000 shares of Cleveland & Pittsburg at 70, and after the consolidation closed out at a net profit of $1,500,000. He was supposed to be worth $10,000,000 when he went into Union Pacific, buying the stock at 20 in 1873, and holding on until it is worth 95. He bought Wabash at 5, and holds it at 80 for the preferred and 45 to 49 for the common. Kansas & Texas, which cost him 8, is now worth 48. Wall-street men put his wealth all the way from $30,000,000 to $60,000,000; and many believe that if he lives he will be the richest man in this country, if not in the world.

JAMES STEPHENSON, of the United States Geological Survey in Northern New Mexico, has arrived in Washington, and reports the discovery of an extinct city about forty miles from Santa Fé. The dwellings are in some instances 12x20 feet, cut in solid rock, with arched ceilings, on the face of a cliff apparently inaccessible to man. No remains of inhabitants were found, but some stone tools were discovered.

RUSSIAN strategists profit by Prof. Nordenskjöld's Arctic achievements. The Government has recently purchased in Sweden three fast steamers, which are about to be dispatched to Semipalatinsk, a Siberian town close to the Russo-Chinese frontier. The route to be taken by these vessels is the following: Round the Norwegian coast, through the White Sea, past Novaja-Semlja to the Kara Sea, and thence up the River Obi. In Tobolsk they will find awaiting them several large transports of small draught, laden with military stores, and carrying strong reinforcements of troops destined for service against the Chinese army, should the complications still pending between Pekin and St. Petersburg result in war. Taking these in tow, the steamers will then proceed up the Irtitch to Semipalatinsk, whence a few forced marches will bring the troops to the Chinese frontier. By this expedient an enormous saving of time and fatigue to the soldiery will be effected in conveying reinforcements from Russia proper to the extreme eastern limits of the Empire.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Will you please inform me, in brief, (1) why type-setting machines are not more generally used for book and newspaper work,—in first-class establishments at least; (2) also, why the typograph is not in use, to form impressions upon a matrix by dies, or an alfabet of type operated by the hand upon keys? A reply at your earliest convenience will much oblige, yours truly, GEO. S. MCLANE.

(1) We suppose that publishers have not been convinced that type-setting machines, all things taken into account, would effect much economy in composition. (2) Because the public are not overpoweringly convinced that their interests would be materially enhanced by the purchase thereof, and the employment of experts to run the machine.

THE Rev. W. P. Harrison, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, has been lecturing in Washington about the precious metals of Georgia. He believes that there are $500,000,000 of gold accessible in that State within 500 feet of the water-level, that assays of $120 a ton are not uncommon, and that a future production of $8,000,000 to $10,000,000 a year of gold in Georgia is within the probabilities. The Rev. Mr. Harrison is unlike most parsons, or he wouldn't be lecturing about this new Golconda, but digging out some of the superfluous wealth of that region with his own hands. It would pay him at least to take an option on a few hundred square miles.

GEORGIA added 21,320 to the number of her small farms between 1880 and 1870, and the change is now going on still more rapidly. Commissioner of Agriculture Henderson says that there are twice as many men in the State who own small farms as there were five or six years ago, and even the big places are divided and farmed out between different tenants. This growth of small proprietors is not confined to the negroes. The "poor white" has invaded the hill country with his cotton-fields, and every year sees more of the great staple raised by white labor upon the few acres of its own.

BALTIMORE City and County are reported in Census Bulletin No. 17. The city contains 332,190 inhabitants, an increase of 33,216 in ten years, or 11 per cent. The females outnumber the males in the ratio of 1,111 of the former to every 1,000 of the latter, a higher ratio than is reported in any other large city of the country, not excepting Boston. The natives constitute a larger proportion of the whole population than in any of the great cities heretofore reported, the foreign-born being less than 17 per cent of the whole.

THE editor of the Cleveland *Herald* evidently has serious designs, for he says in a late issue of his paper:

> We know of a young lady living at No. ——, well, she lives in this city, who is prettier with her hair in papers and dressed in calico than Mrs. Langtry ever thought of being in any costume.

The elder Bennett wrote up a preliminary announcement of his own wedding, and the Cleveland man should do the same.

WHETHER Bill English paid out $27,000 or 27 cents for campaign expenses may not now be very important. But if he didn't give all he promised he showed that he had more political sense than some of his associates in the campaign. Seventy-three thousand dollars more wouldn't have helped the Democrats of Indiana very much, but the loss of that sum would have made Mr. English "billious," in the Arkansas sense, for a year.

GOV. JETER, of South Carolina, recommends in his annual message that the State convicts who are rented out in gangs, and most brutally used, should have a chaplain. That they need it in most instances is a physician. But if they lived in a State where humanity and honesty were admitted in the State's prison-discipline they could get along better than they do now without either Physician or chaplain.

THE Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser*, edited by a spoilsman named Warren, gracefully alludes to the anti-Conklingites of New York as "half-breeds." The compliment to the stalwarts is hardly greater than that to their alleged offspring.

SIMON O'DONNELL has excited the wonder and envy of mankind—or what passes for such in St. Louis—by resigning. The St. Louis *Globe* says it is the hope of the Irishmen in that city that this dangerous example will not spread or prove infectious.

PERSONALS.

"I am willing to bury the hatchet—in Mr. Foster."—*John Sherman.*

Bijou Heron will have to change her name. She has grown big and fat.

"Empty is the Cake-Jar; Brother's Home," is the title of the latest song.

Mr. Tilden has ordered his monument. In times of peace prepare for war.

A young man on the South Side calls his girl Revenge, because she is sweet.

The London *Times* remarks that "Ireland is not at present in a normal condition." Evidently not. No landlords have been shot for ten days.

Ohio is a curious place. Nearly two months have elapsed since a man in Toledo proved beyond doubt that he was the author of "Mollie Darling," and he still lives.

Wealth is often misapplied. Mrs. Charles Crocker, the wife of the President of the Southern Pacific Railway, has expended $3,000 in bringing a young actress, Miss Calhoun, before the public.

> The ribs of her bustle are twisted,
> Her stockings were red, the boys say;
> She sat down with a wild exclamation,
> But the horrid ice wouldn't give way.
> —*Chicago Skating Song.*

> What is home without a dado,
> And some antique pots and jars?
> Papa's coming in the gloaming,
> Having closed up all the bars.
> —*West Side Lyrics.*

"'What's wrong between you and Smythe, that you don't speak?' 'Haw! Fact is, we were both rivals for the hand of the same young lady—a celebwated beauty, you know!—and—well, I don't want to bwag, but I got the best of it. Poor Smythe!' 'My dear fellow, a thousand congratulations!' 'Thanks awf'ly! We both proposed last week, you know, and she accepted—a—him!' How is this for a $2 joke? Send the money by express."—*S. J. Tilden.*

Among the vagrants who applied for relief to the police authorities of New York City last week was a young man named Rudolph Ruckert. When called upon to give an account of himself, he said that his father was the Principal of a college at Darmstadt, and had given him a first-class education. He spoke Greek, Latin, Hebrew, French, English, German, and Italian, and when put to the test was found not to have exaggerated his accomplishments. He had come over to this country to turn his attainments to account, and he had met with poor success.

King Louis of Bavaria has summoned Richard Wagner to Munich, to consult with him about the theatre which is to be a part of the new Royal residence upon an island in the Lake of Herrenchiem. This palace is to cost $10,000,000. Attached to the theatre will be spacious and comfortable lodgings for all the artists who will be annually engaged to perform before the King. Only such guests will be invited as in King Louis' opinion are competent to appreciate Wagnerian music. The King is having a steamer built on the theatrical model of the "Flying Dutchman," which will carry guests from the mainland to the palace. Fortunately he has a vast private fortune.

> Do I love her?
> Dimpling red lips at me pouting,
> Dimpling shoulders at me flouting—
> No, I don't!
>
> Do I love her?
> Prisoned in those crystal eyes
> Purity forever lies—
> Yes, I do!
>
> Do I love her?
> Little wild and willful fiction,
> Teasing, torturing contradiction—
> No, I don't?
>
> Do I love her?
> *No!* When to my arms she flies,
> Filling me with glad surprise—
> Ah! I should smile.
> —*Mrs. Hemans.*

PUBLIC OPINION.

Detroit *Post and Tribune* (Rep.): Everybody's platform—More transportation lines and cheaper transportation.

H. J. Ramsdell in Philadelphia *Times*: One thing has particularly struck me since Garfield has been elected, and that is the ungodly number of intimate friends he has.

Buffalo *Commercial-Advertiser* (Rep.): The "Stalwart" Republicans did most of the fighting, and they do not intend to let a crowd of half-breeds come in and dictate to us the division and distribution of the honors that the Republican party may have to bestow.

St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* (Rep.): We should be very sorry to believe the rumors that certain ill-advised friends of Grant had succeeded, or were likely to succeed, in a project of subsidizing him under a thin pretense of raising a fund to pension ex-Presidents. Even a quarter of a million of dollars is too small a mortgage to place on so valuable a piece of property.

New Orleans *Democrat* (Dem.): What matters it to Mr. Boutwell, in the uncomfortable and unprofitable obscurity of Groton, that the South, relieved of the burdens of alien rule and bayonets, has started into new and vigorous life again; that all her industries have been quickened, and her people, turning their backs upon the past, are pressing forward hopefully and swiftly on the road to prosperity?

Brooklyn *Eagle* (bigoted monometalist): Providentially, the attempt to maintain the double standard has worked well for the country. Congress may be said to have blundered into a policy which made the maintenance of specie-payment possible. The silver in the Treasury vaults to-day is an invulnerable barrier against a run upon the Treasury. The moment the Treasurer is confronted by it, he can stop it by placing the great bags of silver upon his counters, and by taking advantage of the option the law gives him to redeem the Government notes in silver or in gold.

The New York *Sun* has a sensational editorial on the reliability of the Democratic majority in Congress. It places no dependence on any Democratic majority in the next Senate, and significantly adds: "Unstable as water, they shall not excel in any real controversy." It says the Southern Democrats, who traded away Til

FOREIGN.

Mode of Impaneling the Jury at the Coming Irish Trials.

Leading M. P. Leaguers Join in an Application for Postponement.

Ulster Orangemen to Compete with the Leaguers in Public Meetings.

A Duel Growing Out of the De Cissey Scandal in Paris.

Vesuvius Has Commenced Another Season of Remarkable Activity.

IRELAND.

PARNELL'S RETURN.

Special Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—It was announced here to-day that Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell, who, as has already announced, has been in France for a short time, whither he went partly for his health and partly on business connected with the Land League, has hurriedly returned to Dublin, and everybody is now on the alert to learn what it is that has recalled him so suddenly. Mr. Parnell's goings and comings give rise to more anxious speculation in London and Dublin than the movements of Daniel O'Connell ever did, though it is the policy of the English press to speak of him as a much less important personage in the history of British politics, and a greatly overrated man. I received a dispatch from Mr. Parnell to-night, which definitly settles

THE POLICY TO BE PURSUED

by the Land League in the event of the adoption by Parliament of the Gladstone Land bill or any other land bill of which coercion may be a corcomitant. Mr. Parnell distinctly says that under no circumstances will ever Ireland accept coercion, and he seems anxious that the Government should understand this at once. Of course the Government perfectly understood this before Mr. Parnell's utterance, but they had no such official intimation as this statement of Mr. Parnell must be considered to be, and the absorbing question now will be, What effect will this bold challenge have on the Irish measures which the Cabinet are discussing, and on the Irish State-trials soon to come off? To-day I am authorized to state that

THE GOVERNMENT,

after mature consideration of the question, have determined to make a stand on two points—viz.: the abolition of very small tenancies, and fixity of tenure all around. It is only necessary to recall the recent speach of the Marquis of Salisbury in Oxfordshire to become satisfied that the Opposition will never consent to the adoption of these measures, and, as the Gladstone policy in other respects has contributed nothing either to the dignity or the aggrandizement of the country, it may fairly be doubted whether the Government can carry the House with them in their new scheme for the pacification of Ireland.

AFFIDAVITS

were lodged last night at 9 o'clock in the Crown Office, by Mr. Dillon, solicitor for the traversers, as the ground of an application which will probably be made next Saturday for the postponement of trials until the 25th of February. Three affidavits in support of this application were filed, one by Mr. Parnell, who arrived in Dublin yesterday; another jointly by Messrs. Sullivan, Dillon, Biggar, and Sexton. The affidavit of Mr. Parnell set forth that, when the motion for a trial came on, he and his counsel were under the impression Parliament would not meet before February. He was supported in that belief by statements in the newspapers of the time,

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on the 25th of November, and the proclamation calling Parliament together on the 27th of November. The affidavit further contained statements to the effect that the present Government were pledged to bring into Parliament a bill on the subject of land-tenure in Ireland, which would have the greatest interest for his constituents; that it would be most important for him to be present in Parliament during the early part of the coming session, in order that he might assist in discussions which would necessarily arise upon the subject of the relations between landlord and tenant, and upon other matters affected by the proposed legislation.

LAND LEAGUE TERRORISM.

To the Western Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A Dublin correspondent says: Evidence of the wide and rapid spread of Land League terrorism in districts hitherto peaceable is increasing daily. Honest tenant farmers wince under the tyrannical pressure put upon them by the League, and earnestly desire to be relieved therefrom. Owners and agents complain that the state of affairs is worse than it was a month ago. There is now almost a universal suspension of the payment of rent, Griffith's valuation only being offered on every estate in the districts under the influence of the League.

THE STATE TRIALS.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—The jury for the state trials are to be selected as follows: Firstly, from a special jury list, comprising 1,500 names, forty-eight will be selected by ballot. These names will then again be placed in a ballot-box and drawn out separately, each side having the right to object to twelve. From the twenty-four names thus remaining the jury will be selected. Each side will again have the right to challenge six.

PARNELL

has suddenly returned here on important political business.

POSTPONEMENT DESIRED.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—Parnell, Biggar, T. D. Sullivan, Sexton, and Dillon will each file an affidavit in the Crown Office on which to ground an application for a postponement of the trial of the traversers, as the date fixed for their trial would interfere with their constitutional right to be present when Parliament meets.

THE ORANGEMEN.

A large meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland resolved to advise the Ulster lodges to organize counter-demonstrations on the same days and at the same places appointed for the Land-League meetings.

FRANCE.

CHALLENGED TO A DUEL.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Laisant has challenged Vicomte St. Vincente to a duel for printing a letter accusing Laisant of cowardice in the Franco-Prussian war, which was read by Gen. De Cissey's counsel during the recent libel suit.

A NEWSPAPER MANAGER IN TROUBLE.

The manager of the *Marseillaise*, Socialist paper, has been summoned before the Police Court for an illegal act in proposing a subscription to pay the fines imposed in the De Cissey case.

THE PAPAL NUNCIO

has held a long and cordial conversation with Barthelmey St. Hilaire, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

AN INTERPELLATION.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, replying to an interpellation, spoke in a similar strain to his speech in the Senate on Tuesday touching the Montenegrin, Greek, and Armenian questions. The order of the day in favor of the Government was then adopted,—307 to 107.

GERMANY.

THE GREEK QUESTION.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—To-day's papers state that Bismarck's recent pour-parlers with Count de St. Valliere, French Ambassador, has resulted in Germany and France agreeing to joint procedure on the Greek question.

A PROTEST.

The students are preparing a statement to the Rector of the university, protesting against the distribution by the students of Gottingen University of Court Chaplain Stoecker's petition against the Jews.

PRINCE HOHENLOHE.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Prince Hohenlohe will come back from Paris in time for the next session of the Reichstag.

GREAT BRITAIN.

HONORS FOR GEN. ROBERTS.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The freedom of the city and a sword will be presented to Gen. Roberts for his services in Afghanistan.

WOOL.

Seventy-five hundred bales of wool sold today, chiefly New South Wales, Victoria, and New Zealand. Market animated. Good current qualities were well sustained. Superior irregular.

GOLD FOR AMERICA.

Seventy-five thousand pounds of gold were purchased in open market yesterday for transmission to America by Saturday's steamer.

DISRAELI'S NEW NOVEL.

Benjamin Disraeli's (Lord Beaconsfield) new novel, "Endymion," has been published here in French and German, and it will appear in *feuilleton* form in the Paris morning papers, and also in the Cologne *Gazette*. Cablegrams from New York say the sale of the novel in America, where it is issued in a cheap form, has been immense.

THE JINGOES AND IRISH AFFAIRS.

The Jingoes (Tories) intend to make a departure as regards Irish legislation, If the political pressure brought to bear on the Gladstone Cabinet to introduce repressive measures in Parliament fail, a demonstration will be made at Euston Station.

A JOURNALIST'S LIFE.

The life of the late Mr. Delaine, who was for many years editor of the London *Times*, is in press.

THE OARSMEN.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Elliott, Hawdon, and Boyd have promised to compete in a new American prize regatta.

RUSSIA.

ARMY REDUCTION.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A correspondent at St. Petersburg says he understands the program of the new Finance Minister comprises considerable reductions of the army and navy expenditures in time of peace.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A correspondent at St. Petersburg says the chances of the favorable settlement of the Chinese question diminish as the negotiations are prolonged. As China and Russia sincerely desire the solution hoped, they will make mutual concessions.

TURKEY.

DISSOLVED.

RAGUSA, Dec. 2.—The Committee of the Albanian League has been dissolved. There are numbers of the Albanian insurgents in a destitute condition.

RAILWAY IN BOSNIA.

VIENNA, Dec. 2.—The Government has introduced a bill in the Reichrath for the construction of a railway in Bosnia, between Sienitza and Serajevo.

THE FLEET.

VIENNA, Dec. 2.—The *Political Correspondence* says the latest proposal by England is, that the squadrons of the fleet shall proceed to mutually specified ports or cruise in different prearranged directions, so that a kind of ideal combination of the European fleet shall continue to exist. Russia has agreed to the proposal.

RETREAT CUT OFF.

TEHERAN, Dec. 2.—The Turks occupy the passes at the frontier to cut off the retreat of the Kurds.

ITALY.

CONFLAGRATION.

NAPLES, Dec. 2.—A tobacco factory was destroyed by fire here yesterday. Loss estimated at several million lire. One hundred persons are thrown out of employment.

VESUVIUS.

There is a fresh issue of lava from Vesuvius, descending to the base of the cone.

THE KILLING MILDEW.

ROME, Dec. 2.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, during the discussion of the Budget of the Minister of Agriculture, Toscanelli, a distinguished entomologist, declared the American mildew was more destructive to vines than was phyliloxera, and that it had spread very considerably in Italy.

MEXICO.

THE NEW CABINET.

GALVESTON, Dec. 2.—A *News* Brownville special says telegrams from Mexico announce that Gen. Diaz has accepted the portfolio of Public Works in President Gonzales' Cabinet. J. Mariscal will be Secretary of State. President Gonzales was inaugurated yesterday.

CHINA.

OPIUM IN THE TREATY.

Special Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Your Shanghai correspondent telegraphs that the second treaty drawn up by the United States Commissioners and the Government at Pekin provides that Americans shall not import opium or carry the product coastwise, or sell it.

CENTRAL ASIA.

RAIDS ON THE PERSIAN BORDER.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A dispatch from Meshed says: The Turcomans continue their raids on the Persian borders. The supply of food at Geok Tepe is failing. The Russians and Tekkes are inactive.

AMUSEMENTS.

HOOLEY'S.

Mrs. Scott-Siddons has given us two performances which have entitled her to marked consideration. These were her *Iolanthe* in the delightful dramatic poem "King Rene's Daughter" and her *Rosalind* in Shakspeare's "As You Like It," that "sweetest and happiest of the master's comedies." The latter part she played on Wednesday night, and while she does not wholly satisfy criticism—what interpreter ever has?—in her portrayal of this bright and joyous being she certainly comes nearer the Shakspearean ideal than any actress who has attempted the character in recent years, with probably the single exception of Miss Neilson. It is delightful in its freshness, its originality, its buoyancy, its vivacity, and in a certain refinement, and when she has divested her delivery of those mannerisms which seem to have grown upon her during her career as a reader, when she can moderate her voice with more delicacy, when practice makes her gesture, movement, play of countenance more harmonious and less jerky, when her art can more perfectly sustain the illusion, and divest the spectator of the knowledge that she is acting,—when she does this, her *Rosalind* will make a ready conquest of universal admiration. For two or three seasons the lady has been absent from the stage, and during that time she has been delivering readings throught the country. These faults are to a large extent attributable to the stilted, mechanical style of elocution and gesture inseparable from the reading desk; and it is fair to presume that after she has performed the part oftener than she has done since the season began, her *Rosalind* will stand forth very much shorn of what to the critic are objectionable features in the execution of a fine conception. The audience of Wednesday night was a large one, and with them she made a most decided hit. She was recalled at the end of every act, and she never failed to evoke for every important scene warm admiration. Mrs. Siddons retains in even greater fullness and ardor that charm of personality with which she always invested the character. In her *Rosalind*, even to the costuming of the part, there was a praiseworthy effort at originality. The deep and loyal womanhood of the character was admirably shown,—as clearly underneath the garb of the youth when she deals out light banter to the love-stricken *Orlando* beneath the melancholy boughs of Arden as when she faints at the sight of the bloody handkerchief. Her grace was without affectation, and her merrymaking had in it a hearty ring. Yet her gayety at times bordered on boisterousness, and her contrasts of bearing and expression in the scenes with the amorous shepherd and the intractable shepherdess and in those with *Orlando* were at times inartistic and uncertain. Two of her happiest endeavors, perhaps, were the scenes in which she woos her lover with a tongue steeped in gentle mockery, and where she receives the handkerchief with the recital of the incident in the forest and reveals her woman's nature. In the former the pretty petulance and volubility with which she played her pranks and whims upon her pretended husband and shot off her word racket charmed her audience, and in the latter she made us forget her faults in her delicate illustration of the fathomless depth of *Rosalind's* love. Taken altogether, her performance was a popular success, and only lacked that complete poetic refinement, that delicate subtlety in execution, that artistic finesse, and that lofty ideality to perfectly satisfy the critic. Mr. Lablache, who personated *Orlando*, was natural and manly in his acting. He is an English actor, remarkably free from the marked mannerisms usually found in the elocution of those who come to us from the London theatres. His action is generally just, his reading correct. He admirably entered into the spirit of the character. The support was indifferent in some cases, wretched in others. A Mr. L. F. Rand was cast for *Jacques*. We hope we shall never look upon his like again. Miss Isabel Morris as *Celia* gave a performance delicately conceived and well expressed. Mr. Charles F Grey gave us a most lugubrious *Touchstone*, with a strong cockney accent. The mantle of charity may be drawn over the rest. There was an endeavor on the part of the management to give the piece a fine setting, and to accomplish this the scenic artist was allowed full play. How he succeeded the forest scene showed. Somebody in the audience truthfully remarked when it was unfolded that there seemed to be a contest going on between the scenic artists of Hooley's and the Grand Opera-House as to who should turn out the worst work.

A crowded house witnessed the performance last night, and yet it was the most unsatisfactory one of the week, not through any fault in the star's part, but for reasons which we shall explain. The play was "The School for Scandal," that first of all high comedies, with its shine and its sparkle, its delicate and indelicate bon mots, its bright and pungent epigrams, its clusters of persons brilliant beyond the usage of the world, but true, and displaying in the author a deep insight into human nature. Sheridan's work was played at,—not interpreted. Mrs. Scott Siddons was the *Lady Teazle*. It would be unjust to the actress to attempt an analysis of her work, owing to the terrible *Sir Peter* with which she was afflicted. Mr. Harry Pearson was cast for this rôle. He stuttered and spluttered, twisted the dialog, forgot lines, and patched up speeches in a manner that caused the lady constant anxiety while she was on the stage with him, and nearly worried his audience out of their seats in their dread that he would completely break down. We regret to be compelled to speak so bluntly, because of one thing Mr. Pearson was a good actor. Now, however, it is a piece of gross injustice,—not only to the public who pay their money to be amused, but to Mrs. Siddons, who has ability and is conscientiously trying to do her best,—on the part of the management to intrust Mr. Pearson with such a responsible part. The influence of his acting was felt in the entire performance. Nearly all were out of the atmosphere of the grand old comedy. Weighted as Mrs. Siddons was with her *Sir Peter*, however, we saw enough in her work to indicate that she had caught the spirit of this truthful picture of a fashionable woman of London life as it existed in Sheridan's time. She has the look and the bearing of an Englishwoman born and bred. Her manner is vivacious and spirited, yet gentle and womanly. Mr. Lablache was not at all satisfactory as *Sir Charles*, although he was infinitly superior to any of his companions. His first scene was played in a light, merry, and a pleasant manner, with none of the incipient intoxication often shorn by some of the best exponents of the part. He lacked the levity and dash in the sale and in the screen scenes. Miss Josephine Bailey gave a natural bit of acting as *Maria*, Miss Lilly Stone as *Lady Sneerwell* was imperfect; Mr. Jordan made a fair *Sir Oliver*, Mr. George Moore was ridiculous as *Moses*, and in make-up was original and good. Mr. L. F. Rand, as *Joseph*, appeared to much better advantage than as *Jacques*. The *Careless*, *Rowley*, *Trip*, *Snake*, *Mrs. Candor*, and *Mr. Crabtree* were not in the author's vein.

HAVERLY'S.

The Leavitt burlesque troupe are running along to fair business. Of "Carmen," the piece now being rendered, we can say little in its favor. It is merely a means for the introduction of more or less pretty women in tights and short dresses. Whatever is meritorious in the affair is furnished by Miss Mulholland, who sings some Irish ballads charmingly, Mme. Dolaro, who gives a castanet song with fine effect, Miss Marie Williams, in her character songs, and the Alhambra ballet, a bevy of young women who astonish by the light in which they can elevate their toes. It is a pity to see so many fine costumes thrown away upon such a poor burlesque.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

Bandmann has at length found admirers in Australia.

McCullough's receipts in New York have averaged $7,000 a week.

"The Strategist" will appear at the Grand Opera-House next week.

They are butchering a version of "Hazel Kirke" at the Halsted Street Opera-House.

The shooting by Capt. Bogardus and his sons at Hershey Hall is attracting much attention.

Miss Lizzie McCall has become Mrs. George Barry Wall, and has retired from the profession.

Miss Nellie Boyd has left Robson and Crane and joined the troupe supporting Mrs. D. P. Bowers.

John T. Raymond will next week be in a condition to match any man in town. He will play at Hooley's.

Townsend Percey's "Baffled Beauty," which failed in New York, has been purchased by Miss Katherine Rogers.

Mr. H. S. Taylor, the agent of Joe Jefferson, is in the city. The comedian will appear in "The Rivals" on Monday at McVicker's.

Harry F. Thompson and Miss Henrietta Vaders, of the Tom Keene company, will be married on the 12th of January at Baltimore.

Al Philips, the star of "The Banker's Son," a piece which had recently a brief existence on the road, will start out with a new play next week. It is called "Blunders." In the support will be Johnson, late of Johnson & Bruno, and Miss Louie Fuller.

"The Queen and the Cardinal," a new play, was to have been produced at Hooley's this evening. The management have concluded that the rehearsal has not been thorough enough, and therefore the piece will not be seen. In its place "Twelfth Night" will be given, Mrs. Scott-Siddons playing the parts of *Viola* and *Sebastian*.

Mr. Harry J. Sargent, Mrs. Scott-Siddons' manager, yesterday by cable closed a contract to manage Dion Boucicault's business in this country from the 10th of January until May. Upon the 10th of next month Boucicault will open in Boston, and from that point will travel through the principal cities in the Union. The répertoire will probably include three new plays, among them "The Dowd" in its original shape,—that is, before it was submitted to the English censor. After its submission to that dignitary three characters were struck out, it is said,—characters whose utterances were filled to the jar with the present British feeling in regard to Irish politics. Sargent's suit against Modjeska for $60,000 damages for breach of contract will be heard in the London courts this month.

A telegram in Wednesday's TRIBUNE stated that John Dillon, the comedian, had disappointed an audience at Indianapolis. John had gone off upon one of his "periodicals." Gulick & Blaisdell, his managers, have sent out telegrams to the following effect: "Dillon drunk. Cancel date. Send all bills here. Publish this telegram if necessary. Gulick & Blaisdell." Suit, we understand, will at once be commenced against Dillon for damages. The company have returned to town and will be disbanded. A clause in their contract, it is said, stipulated that the termination of the season would depend upon the sobriety of Mr. Dillon. The season so far has been profitable, but the large bulk of the receipts has gone into the pocket of the comedian, leaving a small margin to the managers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The steamers Ferdinand de Lesseps, Weser, and City of Bristol, from New York, and Iberian, from Boston, have arrived out.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 2.—Arrived, Wyoming, from New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Arrived, State of Florida, from Glasgow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—The United States steamer Alaska arrived to-day, eighteen days from Honolulu.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 2.—Arrived, Wyoming, from New York.

OBITUARY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The Rev. John S. Sumner, S. J., died suddenly at Gonzaga College yesterday of congestion of the brain, aged 62 years.

A MOVABLE HEART.

Extraordinary Exhibition at the Chicago Medical College.

A Man Who Can Twist His Heart into All Parts of the Abdomen,

And Can Also Stop Its Pulsations for Twenty Seconds.

"What's your name?" asked the Professor.

"Doctah Albert 'Zek'el Thomas," was the reply, long drawn out and rolled under the "subject's" tongue, as if to impress the hearer with an idea of his overtopping importance.

The questioner was Dr. R. L. Rea, Professor of Anatomy in the Chicago Medical College; the subject, a short, massive, well-built African with a surplus of old and not overclean clothing, including a shirt which was a veritable "thing of shreds and patches," on his person; and the audience the class in anatomy at the above institution. It was high noon, and the curiosity of the boys was at white heat as they awaited a series of promised revelations which rumor had pictured as unique, anomalous, astonishing, and phenomenal. Before the exhibition was over, every last one of them was satisfied that his expectations were not far out of the way.

"What is your age?" continued the Professor.

"Fifty-nine years old, boss," was the proud reply, while a smile of incredulity on the part of the boys in the rising tiers of seats in front indicated a belief that the subject had stretched his figures by some ten or a dozen years.

"Where were you born?"

"Bawn in Morocco and raised in Manchester, England," was the lofty response.

"When did you come to this country?"

"Come to America in 1868."

"Where is your home?"

"Syracuse, N. Y."

"General health good?"

"Pretty good, boss, 'fore I went down Souf in 1876. Kind o' lost my healf der, lookin' after de rice farms in Souf Carliny."

"WHEN DID YOU FIRST MANIFEST THESE MOVEMENTS

which we will show in a minute to the class?"

"'Twixt six an' seven months old de fust time when my mudder discovered it, and at a year 'n half old dey found out dat I kept a creasing."

"You have exhibited yourself throughout the United States?"

"Yes, sah, eberywhere,—Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Colorado, Wisconsin, and all out to Francansisco [here the boys howled for delight], York State, Pennsylvania, and Ohio."

"Shown yourself at a good many medical colleges, eh?"

The man rattled off a string of them, all the way from Bellevue Hospital to Covington, Ky., rolling his eyes and enjoying the triumph he experienced in recounting his travels. His exaltation of mind was further enlarged a moment later, when, taking his bent iron walking-stick, half an inch in diameter, he bit a whack across the muscle of his left arm, squinted down the length of it, deftly twirled it between his thumb and fingers, and held it up to the gaze of the boys as straight as an arrow. The boys' bootheels played a long tattoo on the seats.

The Professor gave the order to "strip," and the entranger, from Morocco took no time in carrying it out, remarking as he peeled off his dirty old coat and the torn, lacerated, split, and shredded remnants of what might once have been the shirt: "See yere, my clo'es is all failin' way fro' me. Easy stripping, ain't it? Now, I'm all ready, boss. Hole on. Wait a minnit. Where's dem 15 centses. Put 'em in de hat yere."

Amidst another fit of general cachination, the Professor produced one of the student's headpieces, announced that it was full of concealed coins, and comforted the man by the dull chink of the imprisoned wealth. These little necessary preliminaries having been arranged, the show was ready to go off. The Professor applied his ears and his hand to the bared breast and abdomen of the subject, pronounced him free from anything in the shape of an aneurism or a tumor, and stated to the students who sat looking on that, while the pulse was a little excited, still it was such as might be expected from a man of his build. Consulting his watch, he added that the pulsations were 100 to the minute. As an introduction to the demonstration about to take place, the Professor explained that the "subject" produced at will a sort of kneading or

UNDULATION OF THE MUSCLES OF THE ABDOMEN

as he started out on his performance. Suiting the action to the word, the great living curiosity from Morocco, without the slightest apparent effort, barring a sort of rubbing movement of each hand upon each hip-bone, literally rolled the now inflated abdominal protuberance over and over, working the muscles into an endless variety of positions and combinations by a process impossible to more fitly describe than by the use of the peculiarly appropriate term "kneading." The amount of twisting, turning, inverting, intermobility, and general convolution that went on in the muscles of that abdomen for the next two minutes would have done infinit credit to the alleged India-rubber man of the greatest show under one canvas. "How's dat for style, gemmen?" and "What d'ye tink of dat, Doctah?" escaped the fellow's lips as he glanced with a feeling of pride on this scene of commotion. The tattoo was renewed on the seats, and the Professor smiled gravely, remarking that the pulse had now gone up to 130.

But the biggest feature of the show was to come yet. The Professor listened intently at the fellow's heart. The pulsations were rapid but regular, he said. At a given signal, and with scarcely apparent effort, the child of Morocco

MOVED HIS HEART

down to the lower left side of the abdomen, and, if there hadn't been any abdomen there, could probably have put it in his pocket and got it back again at will. The Professor put his ear and his head to the spot which the subject indicated as the present resting-place of that very delicate and useful organ, and the heart-beats caused the fingers to rise and fall against the black cuticle. A moment more and the great human force-pump was switched back into its accustomed position. With a smile of triumph that extended back to the negro's neck, he next moved the organ down to the lower right side of the abdomen and let it wabble there for two or three minutes. Another Professor came on the scene at this point,—Prof. Lester Curtis, of the chair of Histology,—and, with stethoscope in hand, bent down to listen. Listening, he became convinced. The result of the experiment demonstrated several interesting phenomena. When the heart was moved from its accustomed place, the regular heart-beat was succeeded there by a confused murmur such as the arteries themselves would produce in pulsating. The pulse at the wrist was at the same time very much weaker, while the ordinary heart-beats of 100 to the minute were increased, with the organ in its new position, to 130 a minute.

THE MOST ASTONISHING PART OF THE PERFORMANCE

was reserved for the last. Prof. Rea got out his watch, and Prof. Curtis laid hold of his stethoscope, and the heart again went down into the abdomen. "You got it?" asked Mr. Rea quickly, as the Professor held his timepiece. Receiving an affirmative answer, he called out "Good night," shut his eyes, and the heart ceased to beat. The stethoscope detected no pulsation. The watch silently recorded the period of suspension. At the expiration of twenty seconds the exhibitor opened his eyes, looked around, and jabbered away something, and the doctors gravely announced that the pulsations of the heart had been thoroughly stopped for a third of a minute, and that during this highly-interesting proceeding there was no pulse at all at the wrist. The students clapped their hands, pounded the floor, and otherwise expressed their satisfaction at this crowning exhibition of the abnormal, the subject gathered up his garments and his baffui of lucre, the doctors looked at one another, delighted but unable to satisfactorily explain what was clearly unexplainable even in this age of advanced medical science, and the representative of THE TRIBUNE, who had been watching the performance from the start up to the finish, mingled his astonishment with certain quiet calculations as to the pecuniary and scientific value of "Dr." Alfred Ezekiel's "stiff" some of these days when abdominal convolutions and heart-displacements, as far as he is concerned, shall have been permanently suspended.

Subsequent conversations with the "Doctor" pretty fully developed the fact that

HIS CAPACITY FOR TWISTING THINGS

is not confined to physical manifestations, but extends to the realm of mind as well as matter. Not to put too fine a point upon it, the "Doctor's" greatest failings would seem to be a constitutional disposition to stretch the truth, and to turn a goodly portion of the coin received for exhibiting his body into the hands of him that keepeth the wet-grocery and exchangeth liquids, both malt and spirituous, for the shekel of the land. In the course of his yarns, the "Doctor" reeled off a section of his alleged history, from which it would appear that he had graduated from a German and a Scotch medical college, spoke eighteen or more languages, and had seen more adventures in his time than Marco Polo ever dreamed of—much less committed to paper. Shadowy as these bits of personal history may appear, however, there is no fraud or imposition about his "exhibitions," which are more perplexing than the 14-15 puzzle even in its prime.

For the benefit of the curious, and those interested in anything in the monstrosity order, it may be stated that the "Doctor" proposes to tarry in Chicago several weeks, and give people an extended opportunity of seeing and believing.

THE LIBBY PRISON.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 2.—Referring to the current report respecting the probable demolition of Libby Prison at Richmond, Va., Mr. Darwin C. Pavey, of this city, received the following yesterday from J. B. Walters, city editor of the Richmond *Whig*, which will be of general interest:

"It is a mistake. The old Libby Prison is not to be torn down. The present proprietor has it carefully guarded against persons who wish to obtain relics."

SOCIAL EVENTS.

THE ASAY RECEPTION.

One of the most brilliant social events of the present season was the large reception given last evening by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Asay, at their elegant residence, corner of Calumet avenue and Twentieth street. The reception was given in honor of Mr. William C. Asay, youngest son of the host and hostess, and his young bride, formerly Miss Woodward. The young couple have just returned from an extended wedding tour in the East, and their friends were given an opportunity last evening to welcome them back to Chicago. In the neighborhood of 300 guests were in the house during the evening, and the bride and groom in whose honor the reception was given were accorded a hearty welcome home on all sides.

The street in the vicinity of the house was brilliantly lighted with calcium lights, and handsome equipages were coming and going from 8 o'clock on. An immense awning stretched from the door to the street, and a carpet protected the dainty boots of the ladies from the damp flags. There was no confusion among the drivers, and the "outside part" passed off as evenly as clockwork.

The interior of the beautiful house presented an attractive appearance. Its elaborate and tasteful furnishing were not overloaded with decorations, but there was just enough to produce a pretty effect. On a cabinet in the front parlor were two immense baskets of flowers, bearing the cards of thoughtful friends, and on the mantel were two large bouquets. Over the doors leading from room to room were festoons of smilax, and floral bells made up of alternate red and white flowers were suspended from the centre of each festoon. Smaller bouquets were scattered about the parlors on stands and brackets, and the chandeliers were ornamented with graceful loops of smilax. An immense decorated vase in one corner of the back parlor was filled with fragrant flowers. The fire-place in the hall was hidden behind an ingeniously arranged arbor formed of large foliage and tropical plants and pots of flowers. These artificial decorations only supplemented the ordinary beauties of the house-furnishings. The walls are hung with choice paintings, each one of which bears upon its frame the name of some artist whose works are rare and valuable, and in the nooks and corners are placed handsome statues and statuets, collected by Mr. Asay during his visits to Europe. The library is a handsomely arranged apartment, a model in its way, and is cozy, neat, and home-like. The waxed floor is strewn with rich Turkish rugs, and immense bookcases filled with the choicest volumes are ranged along the walls. This is Mr. Asay's favorite apartment. Off from the library is the dining-room, and this was utilized last evening as a dancing hall, the carpet being covered with canvas. The other rooms in the house are in keeping with those on the first floor, and the appointments throughout are very convenient and elegant.

The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Asay, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. William Asay, nés Woodward, Mrs. Woodward of Ohio, and Mrs. James Asay. The party greeted their friends as they entered the parlors, and they were kept occupied the entire evening.

The toilets of the ladies were very elaborate, and a number of very handsome party-dresses were displayed in the parlors.

Mrs. E. G. Asay, the hostess, was richly attired in an elegant purple velvet robe, with court train; its white satin front was beautifully embroidered with roses and vines, and the dress was trimmed with Duchess lace and handpainted ivory buttons; elegant diamond ornaments.

Mrs. William Asay wore an elaborate dress of white satin brocade, with lace sleeves and court train, trimmed with Duchess lace; the front was faced with a network of beautiful cut pearls, and ornamented with crush roses; ornaments, diamonds.

Mrs. Woodward, mother of the bride, wore a handsome robe of ruby velvet with full court train, and white satin front trimmed with irridescent beads and Duchess lace; diamond ornaments.

Mrs. James Asay was attired in a black silk and brocade dress, trimmed with black and brocade satin; ornaments, pearls and diamonds.

Miss Madelaine Asay, a petite blonde and the family pet, wore a pink satin dress with white lace overdress, trimmed with blue ribbons; pearl ornaments.

Mrs. Wilbur F. Storey was elegantly attired in a white silk dress with court train; pearl and diamond jewelry and natural flowers.

Miss Nealie Morton wore a beautiful costume of white silk trimmed with pearl fringe and lace; high coiffure.

Mrs. Tonn was attired in an ecru silk robe elegantly embroidered; diamonds.

Mrs. McFarland wore an elegant evening dress of sheli-pink satin and pearl brocade with delicate pink roses; diamonds.

Miss Spalding was attired in pale blue brocade and black velvet; black velvet polonaise; diamonds.

Mrs. T. Raymond Eddy wore an elegant costume of sea-green satin; cardinal bonnet.

Mrs. Robert L. Henry wore a white silk and brocade dress, trimmed with lace; gold jewelry.

Miss Bettie Carter was attired in a heliotrope silk and polka dot-dress; diamonds.

Mrs. Alleton wore a handsome dress of pearl-colored silk; beautiful diamonds.

Mrs. H. D. Stone wore a handsome costume of white silk, cut Princess; onyx jewelry and diamonds.

Mrs. O. W. Potter was handsomely attired in a white satin robe, with court train; diamonds.

Mrs. J. W. Paine wore an elegant toilet of wine-colored silk and velvet; diamonds.

Mrs. John M. Thompson wore a handsome black silk dress, shirred and puffed; lace trimmings.

Miss Emma Willard, of New York, was handsomely attired in a toilet of pink silk and pale-blue brocade; natural flowers.

Mrs. E. F. Getchell wore a handsome costume of white satin, embroidered; diamonds.

A large room on the second floor had been given up to John Wright, the caterer, and an elegant supper was served here during the evening. The table was handsomely arranged with china, glassware, and silver. As a centre-piece there was a huge floral ship, under full sail, in the midst of an immense bed of roses. The design was elaborately worked out, even to life-boats, which hung gracefully from the miniature davits. Along the sides were the words "Bon Voyage," worked in carnations, intended as the sentiments of Mr. and Mrs. William Asay's well-wishers. This room claimed a fair share of the attention of the guests, and was well filled during the evening.

The music was furnished by Adolph Liesegang's orchestra, and it was exceptionally fine. After the "older heads" had gone home the young people took possession of the dining-room and danced until a late hour. The following was the musical program for the evening:

March—"Overland".....Faust
Overture—"Crown Diamonds".....Auber
Romanza—"Frublingsgruss".....Resch
Aria—"Nebbuchadnezar".....Verdi
Selection—"Martha".....Flotow
Clarionet Solo, performed by.....Mr. Schoepp
Potpourri—"Le Petit Duc".....Lecocq
Waltz—"On the Beautiful Rhine".....Keler Bela
Selection—"Boccacio".....Suppe
Galop—"Clear the Road".....Liesegang

Among those present were the following ladies and gentlemen: Judge and Mrs. S. M. Moore, Miss Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Doane, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Gilman Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Price, Mr. James Price, Mr. and Mrs. Jennie J. Smith, Mr. George Edwards, Mrs. S. W. Allerton, Mr. George Atexander, Dr. and Mrs. Moses Gunn, Gen. and Mrs. Martin Beem, Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Powers, Gen. and Mrs. Chetlain, Mr. and Mrs. Enos Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Hill, Mr. R. L. Perry, Mrs. C. T. Boals, Mr. and Mrs. A. Reamer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Oldershaw, Mr. Gunn, Mrs. H. O. Stone, Mr. Thomas Kirkwood, Judge and Mrs. Caton, Mr. Al Hough, the Rev. and Mrs. Brooke Herford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Henry, née Badger, Mr. James Marsh, Col. and Mrs. William H. Thompson, Mr. Otis Glover, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gale, Mr. L. D. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Asay, Mr. and Mrs. T. Raymond Eddy, Mr. George Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Stevens, Mrs. W. F. Storey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lester, Mr. C. H. Bickford, Miss Emma Willard of New York, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bryan, Miss Nellie Bickford, Mr. Leonard Hodges, Miss Gracie Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. William Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. D. Grannis, Miss Ida Hough, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Henderson, Mr. Samuel J. Jones, Miss Nina Kent, Mr. Scott Linn, Miss Emma Law, Dr. and Mrs. Lyman Ware, Mr. Williams, Mr. F. A. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tufts, Mr. and Mrs. Coons, Mr. W. J. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Getchell, Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp, Mr. Dennison, Mr. Harry Rogers, Mr. Frank Wentworth, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Town, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, Miss Nellie Morton, Mr. Frank Allport, Dr. and Mrs. Allen, Miss Lucy Andrews, Miss Carrie Adsit, Mr. Frank Aldrich, the Misses Adsit, Dr. and Mrs. Allport, Miss Birdie Allport, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Arnold, the Misses Arnold, Mrs. Aldrich, Mr. Frank Burley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carter Brooks, Gen. and Mrs. Buford, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beecher, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Caton, Mr. Beverly Chambers, Mr. Watts Carver, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Armour, Dr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coleman, Miss Jones, Dr. Jones, Col. Charles James, Mr. Joseph Mayer, Mr. A. Munger, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Miss Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Maunierre Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morton, Mr. Mrs. J. A. Markley, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ogden, Mr. Will Olcott, Mr. Mills Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs

THE RECOVERED JEWELRY.

Examination of Isaacs, the Pawnbroker, Before Justice Wallace.

Aldrich and Macdonald Refuse to Answer Any Leading Questions.

The Justice Called On to Hold Aldrich Under the Statute.

The Case to Be Taken Before the Grand Jury To-Day.

The arrest of Detective Charles Aldrich and City-Sealer Walter Macdonald, for having the stolen jewelry taken at the Clifton House last Friday night in their possession, continued to be of absorbing interest in police circles yesterday, and the surprise of the previous day was kept up with increasing interest as new developments were made.

IN THE FORENOON

Aldrich appeared at the Harrison Street Police Court, and an examination began. The Police Superintendent and other officers were not there, through a misunderstanding as to the time set for the hearing, they having understood that it was in the afternoon, but the warrant was returnable in the forenoon. Prosecuting-Attorney Cameron and Detective Haines were on hand, however, but they could not proceed without the others, and in the absence of any testimony Aldrich was discharged. Police-Superintendent McGarigle and the detectives who had figured in the case had been up all the previous night, and did not get around until late in the day, otherwise a telephone call would have brought them to the Armory. Mr. Cameron, it seems, could not obtain a continuance of the examination. Macdonald had been released from the custody of the detectives, no charge having been booked against him.

Wednesday night Mr. Morrow, the agent from whom the jewelry had been stolen, had gone over the stuff and discovered that several diamond cluster-rings, containing seven stones each, valued at $50, were missing. The goods showed evidence of having been handled, and some of them will have to be cleaned and put in better shape before they can be placed on sale. A comparison of the property with the invoices in Mr. Morrow's possession will be made to-day, and the exact amount of missing articles found out.

In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock

THE PAWNBROKER, ISAACS,

who has figured in the case as an alleged fence, or receiver of stolen goods, was put on examination before Justice Wallace in the Armory. The police officials, private detectives, lawyers, pawnbrokers, and others were present at the hearing, which was an unusually interesting one.

An experienced detective was heard to remark that he never saw so many "fences" together at one time, and when asked who of them were there, said, "I don't rather who was not there."

Isaacs was represented by Dan Lawrence, a police court lawyer.

Aldrich and Macdonald were also present, and Gen. Stiles was on hand to represent the former. Prosecuting-Attorney Cameron represented the people.

Secretary Doyle and the detectives who made the arrests were present.

Isaacs was charged with receiving stolen property, knowing the same to have been stolen. He pleaded "Not guilty."

JOHN C. MORROW,

the gentleman who had been robbed, was placed on the stand and asked by Mr. Cameron to relate the circumstances attending the robbery. He did so clearly, giving the story as it has appeared in THE TRIBUNE. He said the goods were worth about $6,000. He got most of them back Wednesday evening, Aldrich and Macdonald returning them.

Mr. Cameron asked him under what circumstances the goods were returned, and he stated them substantially as given yesterday.

Mr. Cameron asked the witness what Aldrich said about a "fence," and he said he would not be pestered by a "fence." Mr. Morrow said Aldrich told him he had never seen the goods. He remarked that he had saved the witness $100, and had gotten both lines of goods.

Mr. Cameron asked what was said by Aldrich to him about the conversation he had with "the party," and it was objected to by Mr. Cameron, who said Aldrich was not on trial.

Gen. Stiles said, although Aldrich was not charged with anything, he was practically on trial. There was no testimony to show that Isaacs was concerned. He then asked the witness: "From all your conversation with Aldrich, who do you think of it?" which was objected to by Mr. Cameron.

The Court asked the witness if he knew how it was that Aldrich and Macdonald were arrested.

Morrow said he had nothing to do with it; he heard some one at the hotel had brought it about. He was told by one of the help in the hotel that the officers were there.

CHARLES E. ALBRECH,

detective for the Union National Bank, testified that he knew Morrow, having got acquainted with him the Sunday after the robbery, an account of which he saw in a newspaper. He brought the goods to the bank.

Mr. Cameron—Where did you get them?

Witness—That I am not at liberty to state.

Mr. Cameron—You are an officer. I insist you shall state.

Witness—I refuse to do so.

Gen. Stiles here held that the Court had not the powers of a Grand Jury, and was not a court of general inquiry.

Judge Wallace said that although the court was not one of general inquiry, it was one of particular inquiry, and therefore he thought it had a right to inquire.

Mr. Cameron said he reckoned every one in this city was under the law. He would waive the question for the present, to repeat it again. He then asked the witness: "Did you go solely to Mr. Morrow upon seeing the account of the robbery in the papers?"

Aldrich—I started to go.

Cameron—What did you say to him?

Gen. Stiles again objected, and Mr. Cameron said he would not press the question.

Cameron—I now repeat—*Where did you get the goods?*

Aldrich—I refuse to answer.

Cameron—I ask the Court to hold the witness under this statute: "Every person not standing in the relation of a husband or wife, parent or child, brother or sister to the offender, who knows the fact that a crime has been committed, and conceals it from the magistrate, or who harbors, conceals, maintains, or assists any principal felon, or any accessory before the fact, knowing him to be such, shall be deemed an accessory after the fact, and shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding two years and fine not exceeding $200."

Gen. Stiles—What is your point?

Cameron—The point is that he conceals a felony.

Gen. Stiles said the Court was simply being used to bring out the fact under cover of an examination of Isaacs. He did not think the Court should be used, as a Grand Jury to investigate Aldrich when Isaacs was on examination.

Mr. Cameron said that if the Court thought it his duty to hold a witness who had such knowledge, it was his province to do so. He differed from Gen. Stiles on the point of the Court having no jurisdiction.

Gen. Stiles—Are we here to try Aldrich or Isaacs?

Mr. Cameron—You have advised him not to answer.

Gen. Stiles—So far I have.

Mr. Cameron—If the testimony of Morrow is true it is the duty of the Court to hold Aldrich on another crime, that of receiving stolen property.

The Court said the counsel for the prosecution wished Aldrich held because he refused to expose advice. That would require an investigation of authorities before he could give an opinion. What his opinion was then he could not say. Let the counsel proceed with another branch of the case, and he would give an opinion later.

Mr. Cameron to Aldrich—From whom did you get the goods?

Aldrich—From no one.

Mr. Cameron—Who gave you the goods?

Aldrich—No one.

Mr. Cameron—Who told you where to find them?

Mr. Lawrence objected, and said he was counsel for the only defendant on examination.

Mr. Aldrich—I refuse to answer. I don't know who.

Gen. Stiles—Counsel for the other side has practically got his own witness on trial.

Mr. Cameron—It's an impertinence to the Court. You are here to protect the rights of the witness, and not to interfere with the manner of procedure.

Objection being pressed, the Court said he could not the matter from the stenographer, and he would pass on the questions before the close of the examination.

Mr. Cameron again asked the witness where he got the goods, and on Mr. Lawrence objecting, the Court overruled the objection.

On the repetition of the question, Aldrich answered that

THE REASON WHY HE OBJECTED TO ANSWER

was that he had given his word of honor that he would not divulge the name of the man.

Mr. Cameron—Who asked: "What man?"

Aldrich—I don't know the name of the man.

Mr. Cameron—Where did you see him?

Aldrich—It was on the corner of Desplaines and Fulton streets.

Mr. Cameron—Who had the goods when you got them?

Aldrich—I got them in front of a building.

Mr. Cameron—What building?

Aldrich—I refuse to answer.

Mr. Cameron—Why? Did the man own the building?

Aldrich—I do not know whether he did or not.

Mr. Lawrence—Was it from Isaacs you received the goods?

Aldrich—No.

Mr. Cameron—Did you say anything to Isaacs about the goods?

Aldrich—Yes.

Mr. Cameron—Was not "this man" a go-between between you and Isaacs?

Aldrich—No. You men are away off altogether.

Mr. Cameron—What men?

Aldrich—You gentlemen of the prosecution. You are on the wrong track.

Mr. Cameron—Did you make any inventory of the goods?

Aldrich—No. I did not see them until Morrow got them.

On being asked if he returned the goods to police headquarters, the witness said not until after he saw MORROW.

WALTER MACDONALD

was placed on the stand, and said he could not tell anything more than Morrow had. He met Aldrich on the street with the goods.

Mr. Cameron asked him where, and he said, "On the South Side," declining to answer any further.

Mr. Cameron said the witness had been given a fair chance to answer for his own good.

Macdonald left the stand, and Mr. Lawrence asked the Court that Isaacs be discharged.

The Court held that, as there were other questions to be decided by him, he would continue the case until this afternoon at 2½ o'clock, when he would see whether he would hold Aldrich to the Criminal Court under the statute read by Mr. Cameron.

Some discussion arose as to whether Isaacs should be held on his own recognizance or not, and the Court released the bail and accepted the defendant's recognizance.

This morning the whole matter will be laid before the Grand Jury, and an endeavor made by the police authorities to obtain indictments against the persons implicated in the alleged violation of the statute covering the offenses for which they were arrested.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS.

OFFICER JOHN G. WRIGHT, of the Rawson-Street Station, shot a mad dog near the corner of Wright and Rawson streets yesterday.

THE temperature yesterday, as observed by Manasse, optician, 88 Madison street (TRIBUNE Building), was as follows: 8 a. m., 20 degrees; 10 a. m., 23; 12 m., 26; 3 p. m., 30; 8 p. m., 23. Barometer, 8 a. m., 29.78; 8 p. m., 29.90.

MR. SCHOENHACK, residing at No. 20 Belden place, while passing the building in course of erection at the corner of Randolph and Dearborn streets was struck in the head and badly hurt by a piece of wood which fell from the third story.

A BASKET containing a 2-weeks-old baby-boy was left at 6:30 p. m. yesterday on the steps of the Natatorium, on the corner of Jackson street and Michigan avenue. Officer Gavin took the child in hand, and turned it over to the Foundlings' Home.

WHILE Henry Scharff, of No. 2103½ Archer avenue, was loading some fowling-cartridges at 9 o'clock yesterday evening, a pound and a half of powder, which he had in a box near him, took fire from the accidental explosion of a percussion cap which he took in his hand. The front window of the house was blown out and Scharff was badly, though not dangerously, burned on the face and arms. The house was damaged to the amount of $50.

AT about 4:30 p. m. last Monday a German boy named William Teske, 9 years old, residing with his parents on Hoyne street, between the river and Ashland avenue, was knocked down by a sidewalk on Ashland avenue, south of Twenty-second street, was knocked down by a piece of a fence which was thrown over by a passing train which jumped the track. The boy's thigh was broken and he received internal injuries, from which he died yesterday morning.

ABOUT 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning an unknown man, supposed to be a German, about 46 years of age, sat down on the doorway of William Harris' liquor-store, at 74 West Lake street. As he was apparently sick, Gustav Lepetit, an employé of the place, went to his assistance, when he rolled over upon his face and died instantly. The deceased was about five feet seven inches in height, stout built, of light complexion, with heavy mustache of light color, and wore a short black sack-coat, brown pants and vest, and red-flannel striped shirt. He was evidently a laboring man at work, as he had a lunch in his pocket done up in paper. The Coroner was notified.

At about 8 o'clock yesterday evening a basket containing a female child about 4 days' old was left upon the front steps of No. 33 North Centre avenue, the house of Mr. and Mrs. Brackett. Mrs. Ald. Thomas Bailey, and the second floor by Mr. T. Bracket. The baby was very nicely clad in white clothes and carefully wrapped in a black and white shawl, and was discovered to be naked was a note as follows: "Will Mr. and Mrs. Bracket please accept this baby as a present. She has not been baptized. She was born on the 28th inst., November." Mr. and Mrs. Brackett were at church near by, were notified, and they decided to keep the child until to-day, when they will have her baptized and decide whether or not they will adopt it as their own.

The Swedish Society held its semi-annual meeting last evening in its hall, corner of Chicago avenue and Larrabee street. It is a literary and benevolent society, and the oldest Swedish society in the country, having been organized Jan. 2, 1851. It has a library of its own, and a fund for aiding the sick and for the burial of the dead. The last year has been very successful for the Society, as it has increased the number of books in its library very considerably, and its treasury has been replenished by over one thousand dollars. Officers for the next year were elected as follows: L. P. Nelson, President; A. Nordstrom, Vice-President; A. J. Wessing, Recording Secretary; N. P. Malmborg, Financial and Corresponding Secretary; Sven Olin, Treasurer; Anders Larson, Librarian; A. W. Tidlund, Marshal. The Society will hold its twenty-fourth annual banquet Jan. 22.

THE WEATHER.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3—1 a. m.—For the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, lower barometer, northerly, veering to easterly winds, clear or partly cloudy weather, falling followed by rising temperature.

For the Lower Lake region, stationary followed by falling barometer, stationary or higher temperature, partly cloudy weather, and occasional light snow, westerly winds, shifting to easterly or southerly.

For the Upper Lake region, falling followed by rising barometer, stationary or lower temperature, north to west winds, and partly cloudy weather.

For the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valley, rising, preceded in former district by falling barometer, winds shifting to northerly, clear or partly cloudy weather, and lower temperature.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS:

CHICAGO, Dec. 3—10:18 p. m.

Stations.	Ther. 7:18 p. m.	Ther. 10:18 p. m.	Wind.	Rain	Weather
Albany	26	23	N.W.	Fresh.	.....	Clear.
Boston	32	30	W.	Fresh.	.....	Cldy.
Buffalo	34	30	W.	Fresh.	.....	Clear.
Cairo	45	46	N.E.	Calm.	.....	Clear.
Cheyenne	36	36	S.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
Chicago	29	28	N.W.	Gentle.	.....	Smoky
Cincinnati	38	37	N.E.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
Cleveland	32	32	N.W.	Fresh.	.....	Clear.
Davenport	33	28	N.E.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
Denver	32	30	S.	Light.	.....	Clear.
Des Moines	24	20	W.	Calm.	.....	Clear.
Detroit	32	30	N.W.	Light.	.....	Cldy.
Dodge City	32	32	N.W.	Fresh.	.....	Clear.
Dubuque	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duluth	14	9	N.W.	Fresh.	.....	Cldy.
Erie	32	32	N.E.	Fresh.	.....	Cldy.
Escanaba	26	18	N.E.	Fresh.	.....	Clear.
Fort Garry	10	13	W.	Light.	.02	Clear.
Fort Gibson	49	46	N.W.	Fresh.	.....	Clear.
Grand Haven	33	30	N.W.	Gentle.	.....	Cldy.
Indianapolis	34	34	N.E.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
Keokuk	34	30	N.E.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
La Crosse	19	16	N.W.	Fresh.	.....	Smoky
Leavenworth	41	41	S.	Calm.	.....	Clear.
Louisville	42	31	N.W.	Fresh.	.....	Clear.
Madison	24	19	W.	Light.	.....	Clear.
Marquette	24	20	W.	Light.	.....	Clear.
Memphis	49	43	N.E.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
Milwaukee	30	30	W.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
Nashville	49	46	N.	Light.	.....	Clear.
New Orleans	69	63	N.E.	Fresh.	.....	Cldy.
North Platte	29	31	N.E.	Gentle.	.....	Cldy.
Omaha	28	27	N.E.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
Oswego	37	32	N.W.	Fresh.	.....	Fair.
Yineuna	6	6	N.W.	Fresh.	.10	Lsnw
Pioche	33	34	S.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
Pittsburg	38	38	S.	Gentle.	.....	Clear.
Port Huron	32	32	W.	Fresh.	.....	Cldy.
Rochester	31	31	N.W.	Fresh.	.04	Cldy.
Salt Lake City	45	42	S.E.	Brisk.	.....	Cldy.
Sandusky	37	37	N.W.	Fresh.	.....	Cldy.
San Francisco	56	54	S.W.	Brisk.	.31	Lrain.
Shreveport	54	51	S.E.	Fresh.	.....	Cldy.
Springfield	34	31	N.E.	Brisk.	.....	Cldy.
St. Louis	43	39	N.E.	Fresh.	.....	Clear.
St. Paul	24	24	S.	Gentle.	.....	Cldy.
Toledo	35	35	N.W.	Gentle.	.....	Cldy.
Vicksburg	58	51	N.	Gentle.	.....	Cldy.
Winnemucca	40	41	N.E.	High.	.....	Fair.
Yankton	20	12	N.E.	Fresh.	.....	Cldy.

THE LAST RITES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—To-day an inquest was held on the body of the Rev. W. J. Murphy, the Catholic priest found dead in a cellar yesterday morning. The verdict was that death was caused by concussion of the brain. Friends of the deceased appeared at the Morgue and took charge of the body, placing it in a neat rosewood coffin and conveying it to the Holy Trinity Cemetery, where the burial took place. Father Henry, of St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church, whom the deceased in life assisted in religious services, performed the last rites.

SPORTING NEWS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—The billiard tournament for the championship of the State continued to-day, two games being played this afternoon and two to-night, as follows: Nelms, 300; Bullock, 215; Estepho, 300; Hunter, 227; McLaughlin, 300; Bullock, 197; Nelms, 300; Dodds, 270.

THE RAILROADS.

Jay Gould's Tactics, and Their Peculiar Force.

The Southwestern Pool in a State of Inanition.

Baltimore & Ohio Freight Excluded from the Pennsylvania Road,

And the Former Will Utilize Its Recently-Acquired New York Connection.

JAY GOULD AND HIS TACTICS.

Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 2.—That Jay Gould has become of late one of the greatest manipulators and consolidators of railroad lines that this country has ever seen does not admit of any question; that he is to be one of the greatest factors in the money market and politics of this country is equally true; but whether his tactics are original or not admits of much more doubt.

When Talleyrand, the great French philosopher, denominated America a pulpy giant without bones, the continent had practically no railroads. The great systems which have grown up within the past twenty years will furnish a very good skeleton for the giant, and the only question of great importance for the future to answer is, Shall this skeleton be so articulated, manipulated, and kept under control by the governing forces that the strides it shall make may be forward and not backward? Railroads practically bring the country and city together; and in every instance where the advantages of the city are brought to the farmer's door, many of the disadvantages and evils follow close in the rear, or stalk hand in hand. That the Nation has made such rapid strides in material advancement during the past few years has been almost wholly due to the great systems of railroads that have been completed; and that the business should, in many instances, have been overdone is but a natural consequence of all the causes. Many roads were built from nowhere to nowhere, through desolate and unproductive country in the vain hope that development would keep pace with the construction. In time nearly all these great schemes must of necessity amount to something. Towns and cities grow up at the termini, and settlements are made along the lines. Meanwhile, however, the stocks of these roads are almost or quite worthless, and panics and financial crashes follow.

So long as rich men and monopolists keep their clutches off the reality of this country, there is no possible danger that can be more than temporary. A wealthy capitalist, who engages in any kind of manufacturing pursuits, for instance, is but the agent of the many men he employs. The rich man can only use what he can eat and wear out, and obtains but a salary, greater or less as the case may be, for his supervision. When he dies, ten chances to one, his large accumulations are squandered.

It is a peculiarity of the American people that wealth and power command profound respect. The man is, from the very fact of his wealth, respectable; and ten chances to one if he keeps out of politics he will not be berated by the newspapers. Ten years ago Jay Gould and Jim Fisk were the synonyms of anything disreputable in railroad wrecking and stock gambling. Fisk possessed the ability to build a jealous rival for the smiles of a shameless metropolitan courtesan, and Gould, being deprived of his partner's assistance, for a few years continued to operate on a somewhat small but very profitable way in Wall street, and now comes forward as the foremost financial man of his time. Were the elder Vanderbilt still in his prime, Gould would, in many instances, be checkmated. But the younger man, although possessing unlimited wealth, is defective in nerve, and, while he is apparently capable, in a large degree, of preserving the great possessions of his father intact, he cannot so well see the end from the beginning, or make bold moves that shall crush out rivalry.

Gould, like all other men who attain renown, is a mass of contradictions. He was told by an old gentleman who is a near neighbor of the railroad king that he observes everything with the most scrutinizing particularity. He is a better conversationalist than he cares to hold a throttle on his lines. He is a first-class mechanist. He is a civil engineer of most painstaking accomplishments. His theory is that grades are the all-important element in a railroad, and so closely has he observed this one particular that by a mere lightning trip over a route he can tell you all about it. The old rule that when a railroad is built from a place of production, or a mine to a market, an engine should be able to draw from market as many empty cars as it can take loaded ones to the market, I have heard him many times dwell upon. He is a firm believer in his opinion, when this should be violated is when there is by no possibility any opportunity to build a competing line that will come any nearer paying the conditions of the road than the road you are constructing. I have heard him say many a time that the success or bankruptcy of a road depends on the matter of one foot to the mile grade.

"Wherein lies the secret of Gould's great success?" I asked.

"In the fact that he has the confidence of capitalists in the work, and, having once taken hold of a thing, there is money in it. They understand that he never goes back on those who are in his crowd; that he is able to manipulate stocks every time to the glory of his own particular combination. Vanderbilt is not a practical man; Gould, as I stated above, is thoroughly so. He knows the exact duties of every man in the employ of a road from a switchman to the General Manager."

In regard to Gould I had a conversation recently with a member of the Congressional Committee which made the examination into the operations of Jim Fisk and Jay Gould.

"That investigation gave the best insight into the respective characters of Fisk and Gould that I ever obtained. It was in those days generally supposed that Fisk was the prompter, but the result from the different characters of the men. Fisk had, in his early days, been a Yankee peddler and driver of a wagon over the New England hills. When a Yankee sells goods to the Southerner or the Westerner, his wits are not whetted to anything like that degree of acuteness that results from the kind of life which Fisk led for many years. His words are those of the diamond cutting diamond. It was Yankee face to face with Yankee. The result of this was that his cheek developed to an abnormal degree. He was made bold and unscrupulous. He was a man of coarse snake eyes, low forehead, large neck, heavy chest, monstrous lungs. His powers of endurance were wonderful. His nature was sunny and his temperament sanguine. Nothing daunted or dismayed him. Schemes, before which men of more brain and less nerve would stand in awe because of their magnitude, would only stimulate him to healthy action. Gould is a man of massive brain. He has more forehead about the eyes and ears than almost any man on the continent, and all of his brain is of the finest quality and active to a wonderful degree. He is a man of considerable culture, and had he not been turned into other channels he might have made a great novelist or a profound college Professor. He is a man of few words: Fisk was a man of many words. He is somewhat retiring, Fisk was bold. In the examination to which I have referred Gould answered simply the questions put to him, and did that in the fewest possible words, and seemed relieved when the questioning was over. Fisk was as talkative as a woman. He treated the Committee as though they were a parcel of school-boys, who were not expected and could by no possibility understand the work of men in the intricacies of business as it appeared on Wall street. He acted as though he considered himself called upon to give a few very plain and simple elementary lessons on this intricate matter. He chatted on and could scarcely be confined to the questions that were asked him."

"'Mr. Gould plans everything and I carry it out,' was the secret given by Fisk to me. He furnishes brains and I furnish muscle. Do you understand? It is only a simple matter. We know just what proportion of stock will control the roads before we begin operations. Our object is to get that portion. You may say that it requires some skill to do that. So it does, but that is my work; and, from the result which so much interested us in our troubles, you can judge whether the work was well done or not.

"When he had finished and no more questions were asked, he remarked: 'Is there nothing else I can do for you, gentlemen? When you come to New York, come around and see me; and, if you want to ride on any of my steamboats or railroads at any time, write to me or come and see me, and I will be happy to give you all the passes you may desire, either for yourselves or for your friends. This is a great country, but in reality only a few men run it. The thing to find out is who those few men are, and what part of the work they do.'

"Both Fisk and Gould always had a sort of sublime contempt, in their way, for both politics and politicians. In those days, and living in New York under the fiercest régime, for months from their standpoint, form only the opinion which they did—viz.: that politicians were but the tools of sharp manipulators and lobbyists, and that every man had his price. Had either of them been inclined to politics, they would have been as corrupt as Tweed in his palmiest days, but would have possessed the skill to cover up their operations for years from the public gaze. In business, especially if a man is successful, even though he wreck railroads and rob stockholders, he may be reasonably respectable; while the same tactics in politics would banish him forever from society."

In this same line I was fortunate enough to hold a long conversation with one of the most prominent railroad men in the country. He took the ground that Gould, in his present policy, is but carrying out tactics which have been shown by long experience to be the most certain of success of any known to business. He discoursed as follows:

"The elder Vanderbilt pursued the same policy that Gould is now following out. Gould has studied these plans. But the man, in my estimation, whom Gould makes his especial model, is Jeptha H. Wade, the old President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the man who gave it all its successful impetus."

"Tell us something about Wade," I said.

"Well, sir, that modest man, who is now living in a quiet way in Cleveland, has one of the greatest minds this country has ever produced. He is a man of the finest susceptibilities, the purest morals, and keenest brain. Forty years ago he was a carpenter, pushing a plane for his daily bread. To-day he is worth many millions. In my estimation he stands in the same relation to Gould that Fabius Maximus does to Washington. He is the originator of a great policy. Gould is the imitator of that policy.

"From the carpenter's bench Mr. Wade became a portrait painter, and was a master of his business in both. When the electric telegraph was discovered, Mr. Wade, who was of a scientific turn of mind, mastered the alfabet and then learned to operate the rude instruments of the time. He was then ready to become an employé of one of the many struggling companies that were in existence. He assisted in the construction of several lines, among them the first that ever went out of the city of Detroit. By these contracts he made a little money and began to operate somewhat in the stocks of various companies. He saw that in the manner in which the business was being conducted it could never be a financial success. Little companies were springing into existence all over the country. One operated a line from Cleveland to Columbus; another from Cleveland to Buffalo; a third from Cleveland to Toledo; a forth from Columbus to Cincinnati; a fifth from Toledo to Detroit, and so on all over the country. Each of these little companies had a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a General Repairer, as well as general offices and salaries for all. As a result, none were paying. The stock was down to almost nothing, and the telegraph business everywhere on the verge of bankruptcy. He conceived the idea of buying up this stock and consolidating these many lines, and thus making one President and one Secretary and one corps of repairers do for all. The scheme was successful. The Western Union Telegraph Company was started and one of the most stupendous monopolies on the continent was organized.

"To show how closely Gould has followed in the footsteps of Wade, it may be said that the latter was the first man to advocate an overland telegraph line to California. He went to the Pacific coast in furtherance of his scheme, and when he returned met with the Directors at their annual meeting at Buffalo. He strongly advocated the immediate construction of the line. It was discussed in a prolonged way by the Directors, and many fanciful objections were raised. It was claimed that Indians would cut the wires, that buffaloes would rub the poles down, etc. Then it was thought the money could not be raised. At this point Mr. Wade stepped forward and said that the line ought to be built, and could be built without much difficulty. He only asked that the Directors would do as they had suggested—retain one-half the stock of the new line in the Western Union's hands and give him power to place the other half. After some discussion that scheme was agreed to. 'I'll take half the stock myself,' said Mr. Wade. 'How will you pay for it?' was asked. 'That's my lookout. I'll pay my part as fast as Western Union Company pays hers.' As soon as the first surprise wore off a little the Directors began to think it over, and came to the conclusion that the new venture was going to be a pretty close corporation with one man holding half the stock. Then they began to think it was a pretty good thing to hold, or Mr. Wade, in whom they had come to have great confidence, would not be so anxious to own so much. And so the first through telegraph line across the Continent was constructed, with its millions of profit in the monopoly of the business. The arrangement which Mr. Wade made with the California Telegraph Company, by which he refunded on all through messages was paid in gold, in that early day of the War, was a fortune in itself. So, as Mr. Wade was the first man to control a telegraph-line across the Continent, Mr. Gould was the first to control a railroad passing over the same territory.

"The tactics of Wade have been pursued by many men seeking a monopoly in a business. The instances are few in which they have failed in incipiency, or when it is not paying, and be made to pay by consolidation and saving in expenses by doing things on a large scale. John D. Rockefeller, the great organizer of the Standard Oil Company, took the oil business when it was paying nothing by being divided into a hundred hands, and by consolidating, buying some, and crushing out others, has built up a monopoly in the oil business that controls the market of the world. Gould has been a close observer of these things. He understands that the thing that makes a railroad successful, prosperous, or unsuccessful, is not whether it runs through this or that kind of country, but whether it is connected with any other road or not, and whether it can be given anything to carry. A road is needed in each particular route to make it a success, and, taking advantage of the usual conservatism which makes people afraid to take hold of a new thing until its success is proved, he has stretched out one, and amasses his millions while men of less nerve and bravery are counting their fingers and hesitating."

This gentleman thought Jay Gould's scheme for opening up trade with Mexico is one of the grandest ever conceived by any American. He said it eclipsed anything done by the politicians for many and many a year. He then dwelt upon the wonderful power which the man who controls the trade of the Pacific States and of the Republic of Mexico, and greater yet the State of Texas, would possess. He said that President Diaz would be crushed if his Congress would sink into insignificance before the railroad magnate, for his power will be greater and his tenure of office that of a king. The gentleman was a disciple of Carlyle and Macaulay, for he continued:

"Human nature is much the same under whatever condition you find it. Under monarchies it is necessary to have a form of royalty. With us it is about to assume the form of huge monopolies and corporations, which will do equal or greater damage unless checked by National legislation, which I do not foresee. I have not thought of the coming Administration to place some restraining influence on these powerful organizations. It behooves us to capture them before they capture us. The time will soon come, unless we are careful, when a few men like Gould can control elections and dictate policies. Pennsylvania has been under the rule of a railroad for to these many years, and the difficulties under which it labors are manifold and notorious. So long as so large a portion of our public domain remains still unsettled, there is hope; but, in all probability, the next movement of the Napoleons will be to lay their hands upon the lands of the realm, and then will the danger be truly imminent."

GARY.

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Were it not for the fact that all the roads leading East from Missouri River points are now doing an excellent business, having hardly sufficient cars to meet all the demands, the war on passenger rates would before this have spread on the freight business. Mr. Gould is evidently desirous of breaking up the Southwestern Railway Association. His late action in withdrawing the business of the Central Pacific Branch was no doubt taken for the purpose of breaking up the pool, and to spread the war to the Missouri freight traffic. Had business been dull, this action would no doubt have resulted in a rupture between the Missouri River lines, but as it was it did not have the desired effect, as the roads are getting all the business they can carry at the present rates, and they would be unable to carry more no matter how low down the rates should go. Had it not been for this fact, Mr. Gould would undoubtedly have followed up by withdrawing the business of the Kansas Pacific also, as he threatened to do. But he found it was no use to take such a step at present, as it would not help in furthering his designs and therefore he allows the Southwestern Railroad Association to exist in a state of inanimate suspension. To all intents and purposes the Association is dead. While all the roads continue to make reports and strictly adhere to the regular rates, yet no settlements between the various roads can or will be made as long as Gould keeps the Central Branch business out of the pool. The Chicago roads owe a large sum to the St. Louis roads, which are controlled by Gould, but they refuse to pay over as long as the Central Branch business is not accounted. In this respect the Chicago roads are masters of the situation, and Gould is powerless and cannot force them to pay. A week or two ago the Wabash proposed to accept 8 per cent of the Chicago business until such a time as it was fully established at its permanent freight-houses. Everything is in readiness for the Wabash to begin to put before it had terminal facilities here equal to competing roads. The sudden change of base on the part of the Wabash people was no doubt brought about by a desire on the part of Jay Gould to pacify the Chicago lines in order to get the money they owe the St. Louis roads. Had he succeeded in the scheme, the Chicago roads would have been simply that much money out of pocket, for it is not at all probable that Gould would have been more friendly to the pool, after having obtained his ends, than he is now. The Chicago lines escaped the trap set for them on account of their inability to agree upon a division of the portion to be taken from the various roads to make up the Wabash percentage.

Under the rules of the Association a regular meeting is to be held each month to decide upon the settlement of accounts and to settle such difficulties as may have arisen since the preceding meeting. Five months have elapsed since a meeting was held, and the intention now is not to call another meeting till spring. It is believed that the business will continue to be heavy until that time, and in such event Gould could be no trouble in rates, for it would do the roads no good to break them, and the chief object of forming the Association in the first place was to stop the undue competition and the slaughtering of rates that formerly characterized the Missouri River business. Nothing can be lost by allowing things to run along as they do now until spring. It is generally agreed that the pool cannot longer be maintained on the present basis, and that if it is to be continued a radical change both in divisions and territory will be necessary. Any changes and consolidations in railroad properties that are now of daily occurrence make it impossible to do anything at present. By spring the combinations and consolidations now being formed will probably have so far progressed that a better idea can be formed of what will be necessary regarding the reorganization or the further continuance of the Southwestern Railway Association. As it looks now, a reorganization of the pool will hardly take place then. It seems as if by that time Gould will be ready to run things to suit himself, and will have no more use for such an organization. And without Gould's roads there can be no Missouri River pool.

SHARP COMPETITION.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The competition between the Baltimore & Ohio through route to the West and Southwest, and the Pennsylvania Railroad has assumed a new phase. It was announced that the freight of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway would still continue to be carried over the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks in New Jersey and shipped as formerly at the piers of the former Company. This morning, however, the agents of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company here received notice from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company that no more freight belonging to the former could pass over the latter road. "Consequently," said the freight agent, "we are without an outlet for the present. How long this will last cannot be stated, but it will save merchants trouble if they will until further notice ship by some other route. All the freight taken yesterday has been forwarded, so that the merchants need be under no anxiety with respect to that, and no freight has since been taken."

At the Pennsylvania Railroad office it was stated that the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company might take away their freight-traffic at any time, as they had the passenger traffic, and it was only self-preservation to prevent the latter from making a convenient use of this road merely to discard it at any moment, or when it suits their pleasure. Therefore, it was decided to shut down at once upon the business. If the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad carried its passengers by the new route they might as well take the freight by the same way.

This evening the Baltimore & Ohio Company announce that they are prepared to receive merchandise destined for that road at the depot of the Central Railroad of New Jersey to be forwarded over their line via the Central of New Jersey and Bound Brook route to the West and Southwest.

ANOTHER WABASH FEEDER.

The St. Louis *Republican* has the following regarding the formation of a new railroad company, to be known as the St. Louis, Jerseyville & Springfield:

In 1872 the Hon. Hurh N. Cross and James A. Locke, of Jerseyville, conceived the idea of building a railroad from a point on the Mississippi River at or near Grafton or Jersey Landing, via Jerseyville, in Jersey County, to Chesterfield, in Macoupin County, there via Waverly, in Morgan County, to New Berlin, and connecting with the Wabash at that point, and intersecting with the Chicago & Alton Railroad and the Illinois Central at Springfield. To that end these gentlemen with their associates incorporated a company and proceeded to obtain the right of way. About that time the Railroad law of the State was changed in regard to counties and municipalities subscribing stock or subsidizing railroads. This, with the depressed condition of financial affairs, led to the abandonment of the enterprise for the time being. However, the gentlemen above named never lost sight of the new road, and have continued to use their endeavors to enlist capital in favor of the road. Mr. Locke returned from the East a few days since with the welcome news that he had enough to be returned on all through messages would be paid in gold, in that early day of the War, was a fortune in itself. So, as Mr. Wade was the first man to control a telegraph-line across the Continent, Mr. Gould was the first to control a railroad passing over the same territory.

"The taetics of Wade have been pursued by many men seeking a monopoly in a business. The instances are few in which they have failed in incipiency, or when it is not paying, and be made to pay by consolidation and saving in expenses by doing things on a large scale. John D. Rockefeller, the great organizer of the Standard Oil Company, took the oil business when it was paying nothing by being divided into a hundred hands, and by consolidating, buying some, and crushing out others, has built up a monopoly in the oil business that controls the market of the world. Gould has been a close observer of these things. He understands that the thing that makes a railroad successful, prosperous, or unsuccessful, is not whether it runs through this or that kind of country, but whether it is connected with any other road or not, and whether it can be given anything to carry. A road is needed in each particular route to make it a success, and, taking advantage of the usual conservatism which makes people afraid to take hold of a new thing until its success is proved, he has stretched out one, and amasses his millions while men of less nerve and bravery are counting their fingers and hesitating."

This gentleman thought Jay Gould's scheme for opening up trade with Mexico is one of the grandest ever conceived by any American. He said it eclipsed anything done by the politicians for many and many a year. He then dwelt upon the wonderful power which the man who controls the trade of the Pacific States and of the Republic of Mexico, and greater yet the State of Texas, would possess. He said that President Diaz would be crushed if his Congress would sink into insignificance before the railroad magnate, for his power will be greater and his tenure of office that of a king. The gentle

MARINE NEWS.

Arrival of a Number of Propellers and Sail-Vessels from Below.

Important Ore-Carrying Contract, Covering a Term of Years, Reported Made.

Release of the Entire Fleet Caught in the Ice on Lake Erie.

Several Steam-Barges with Consorts Return to Detroit to Winter, Etc.

HOME GATHERINGS.

MORE ARRIVALS FROM BELOW.

Another installment of Lower-Lakers arrived here yesterday, leaving but few more to come. They were the Western Transportation propellers Boston and Milwaukee, Anchor Line propellers Cosgnaugh, Lycoming, and Wissahickon, and the schooners Lady Dufferin, Lookout, Clara Parker, Lafrinier, W. S. Crosthwaite, S. J. Tilden, and Exile. The Lady Dufferin is from Georgian Bay with cedar posts, the Lookout and Lafrinier have lumber from Cheboygan, the Clara Parker has iron-ore from Escanaba, and the W. S. Crosthwaite, S. J. Tilden, and Exile have coal from Buffalo and Cleveland. All of the sail vessels were remarkably free of ice, indicating that they were well sheltered during the bitter cold weather of a fortnight ago. Several of the fleet were from twenty-six to thirty days on the passage up from Buffalo, and it will require a much larger sum to defray expenses than their back freight amounts to. When the Lafrinier made her appearance Capt. Doyle joyfully resigned his open-air bed to George C. Finney, who has the S. B. Pomeroy still out, and professed homeward for the purpose of nursing a bad cold acquired through exposure. Capt. Doyle says that Mr. Finney is the possessor of a blanket, and thus can lodge more comfortably on the pier than he did. Capts. Simons and Leonard, of the Anchor Liners, report having passed a number of vessels at anchor under the lee of Old Mackinac and St. Helena Monday evening. All of these craft are upward-bound, and have yet to arrive.

IMPORTANT ORE CHARTER REPORTED.

It was reported in marine circles, yesterday, that the Escanaba and Lake Michigan Transportation Company had effected a contract to deliver all of the iron ore required by the South Branch rolling-mills and blast furnaces during the next five years at $1 per gross ton. The transportation company own the Inter-Ocean, and Argonaut, and have a fine new steam-barge on the stocks at Gibraltar, Mich., which will be ready for business by the opening of navigation next spring. As has already been stated, the Argonaut is to receive a portion of the Inter-Ocean's machinery and hereafter will figure as a steame-barge. These three large steam vessels will be able to handle all of the ore required by the South Branch mills. Therefore the sail craft employed during the past season will be compelled to seek another track. The contract, if made as reported, is an important one.

TO BE IMPROVED.

The upper works of the steam-barge Buckeye have been torn down and will be remodeled. It is proposed to arrange them similar to those on the George Dunbar. The engine of the Buckeye is to be thoroughly overhauled, and her boiler rebuilt. Next spring, therefore, these will be in as good condition as ever, and the barge in better shape for the lumber trade than heretofore.

MINOR NOTES.

Yesterday the tug O. B. Green made her first trip to the crib under the new winter contract. Last evening she proceeded to South Chicago again to tow up several dump scows.

Wednesday evening the scow Sea Star sailed for Ahnapee. During the night the wind shifted to northeast and she ran back.

The financial troubles of the schooner Challenger have been satisfactorily arranged.

The schooner Flying Mist went into the Chicago Company's West Side dry-dock yesterday afternoon to have repaired the damage sustained by running ashore on Milwaukie South Point recently.

To-day the schooner Marengo will go into Miller Brothers' large dry-dock to stop a leak and receive a thorough recaulking.

Peter Scanlan has sold a half interest in the steam canal-boat China to J. Cox, of this city, for $600.

Capts. P. A. Anderson, of the schooner Lottie Wolf; James E. Galloway, of the schooner Myconotis; and James Bruce, of the schooner Tyro, passed through the city yesterday en route for Milwaukee.

According to a report from Port Huron yesterday, the Union Steamboat Company's propeller New York is preparing to winter there.

Rumors of engagements to load for winter storage and spring rates are becoming numerous, but not one of them can be traced to a reliable source.

Large quantities of ice shifted from the river to the lake again yesterday.

NOTES FROM ABROAD.

THE SIMCOE'S DEFECTS.

Now that the propeller Simcoe has gone to the bottom, it leaks out that her last rebuild was not what it should have been. Although good material was used,—rock elm,—the butts of her outside plank at the forward hatch were so nearly on a line that the bow had already commenced to drop. It is charged, too, that the steamer's upper works were constructed and put on by inexperienced help, and on the trip previous to her loss they were perceptibly shifted during heavy weather. Capt. Robert Hill complained that the Simcoe could not be steered when deep laden, and also appeared to be aware of her general imperfections, as he is said to have stated to a friend that money could not hire him to command her another season.—*Milwaukee Sentinel.*

RATHER PERPLEXING.

The Buffalo *Courier* of the 1st inst. says: "The canals were to be officially closed to-morrow, but just what will be done is difficult to say. The water cannot be drawn out of the levels because of the damage that would be done to the boats by letting them rest on the uneven bottoms. It is a very perplexing state of things for the boats and the canal."

THE GOOD OLD WAY.

The Brockville (Ont.) *Monitor* has something to say in favor of the old-fashioned method of carrying by vessels. A quantity of goods had arrived from Glasgow at Brockville, a distance of 3,000 miles, at a cost of 40 cents per 100 pounds, about the same charge as the Grand Trunk makes from Toronto to Brockville in the winter. The *Monitor* says: Goods usually take seven days from Toronto to Brockville by the Grand Trunk, a distance of 220 miles, while a fortnight is sometimes consumed before goods get here from New York, a distance of 400 miles, while in seventeen days they travel all the way from Glasgow to Brockville. It will thus be seen that the ocean freight route promises to eclipse all other routes for cheapness and speed.

GLEANINGS.

During the season just closed the schooner Preston Palms made a trip to Milwaukee and two to Chicago direct from Buffalo, also one trip to Escanaba for iron ore with an up-load of coal to Chicago, six round trips between Buffalo and Toledo, and twenty-one round trips between Cleveland and Buffalo.

A Kingston, (Ont.), sailor has been fined by the Union S for serving on non-Union vessel.

The sudden close of navigation is causing considerable embarrassment to Toronto shippers and coal dealers. A quantity of grain still remains to be shipped, and the supply of coal is short of the requirements. Rail rates are certain to be advanced. On Monday a vessel was offered five cents per bushel to deliver a cargo of barley at Oswego.

It may appear to be rather premature, but it is stated that engagements are being made for carrying coarse freights from Georgian Bay to Chicago next summer, and at rates considerably in advance of what were paid this season.

Progress is making in preparations for a new trestle and coal pockets at Fair Haven. The elevator has handled about 200,000 bushels of barley this fall, and the duties from June 30 to date have been $35,000. The schooner Murray holds 10,200 bushels of barley.

The schooner Ahira Cobb has reached Escanaba with a cargo of coal, and put an end to apprehensions of a fuel famine.

The steam-barge J. Hackett has made twenty-one trips in the iron ore trade between Escanaba and Cleveland this season.

The small schooner Mary A. Gregory has been released from the beach in Green Bay.

The damaged grain in the propeller California was bought by Mr. Chapman, of Toronto; 4,000 bushels of wheat at 50 cents a bushel, and 2,500 bushels of corn at 35 cents a bushel."

The barge Suawnee is at Detroit. The rumor of her loss grew out of a misprint of the barge Shawanese, for whose safety fears were entertained a short time since.

The tugs Sarah E. Bryant and B. F. Bruce, of Toledo's tug line, while berthing a vessel in the Ohio Basin at Buffalo, had their bows pierced by the ice and were compelled to lay up for temporary repairs.

The owners of the schooner Walter H. Oades, ashore at Buffalo, have abandoned her to the underwriters.

The scow D. M. Norton got frozen in and will winter at Detroit Harbor.

On Tuesday the schooner Bob Roy cleared from Milwaukee for Bailey's Harbor, towed by the tug Coe; the steam-barge Norman cleared for Manistee, the schooner Starke for Manistique, and the schooner Conquest for a west shore port.

The name of the Canadian schooner Florence has been changed to Chetokee by order of the Deputy Minister of Marine.

A Kingston (Ont.) paper states that the owner of the schooner Governor, which has lain for a number of years in Cataraqui Bay, and which was recently blown up by dynamite, will bring an action against Ald. Gaskin for the value of the hull so destroyed by him.

Tit for tat. The Detroit tug Kate Williams charged $1,500 for assisting the Canadian tug McArthur out of the ice at the head of Lake Erie.

Eight thousand bushels of wet grain was discharged at Detroit from the steam-barge Jarvis Lord, which sunk in Maumee Bay recently.

It appears that the schooner George H. Warmington dragged her anchor from under the lee of Poverty Island when she stranded on the reef between Big and Little Summer Islands.

The wrecking-steamer Kingston recently broke her piston on Lake Ontario.

So far as Kingston (Ont.) is concerned, the principal loss resulting from the early close of navigation will fall on those expecting corn from Chicago, and as ten vessels with about 200,000 bushels on board were expected by one firm alone, the loss, no doubt, will be large.

While towing the schooner J. L. Case from Milwaukee to Racine on Tuesday, the tug Sill blew some bolts out of her steam dome and was obliged to drop the schooner, which sailed into harbor. After rolling around in the troughs of the seas for upward of an hour Capt. McGinn succeeded, by blowing off the boiler, in plugging up the bolt-holes so that sufficient steam could be raised to bring the tug into port.

The Saginaw *Herald* of the 1st says: "Capt. Charles Sonsmith, of the barge Wesley, arrived home from Erie last night, and his friends, on learning of his arrival, procured Hessler's band and serenaded him. He brought his entire crew with him, and a jolly time was had."

A number of the vessels that put into Cleveland with loads of coal which they expected to take to Chicago, and others that were loaded there, are discharging their cargoes preparatory to laying up.

The Parker fleet have been chartered at Detroit to load wheat for storage during the winter.

The schooner Flying Cloud will winter at Cheboygan.

At last accounts the schooner Granger was supposed to be fast in the ice at St. Helena Island, Straits of Mackinac.

The barge Agnes and the tug John A. Stevens, recently sunk at Toledo, have been raised.

BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

WORK AT BUFFALO.

At Buffalo the shipbuilders have their hands full of new and old work. The Union Dry-Dock Company are building two large steam-barges for the Wabash Line, each of 1,500 tons burden. The keel of one of these boats has been laid, and part of her frames are up. The keel of the other is sawed out, and will be laid in a few days.

The Company have also contracted to rebuild the Commercial Line propellers Colorado, Nebraska, and Roanoke. They are to receive new frames and ceiling where needed, new decks, new arches, and new upper works, and their boilers are to be placed on deck, as in all of the propellers of recent construction. The reconstruction is to be sufficiently thorough to give them an A3 classification, and it will also materially improve their outer appearance. The expenditure of money upon the three will reach $30,000, but will not exceed that sum.

The old propeller Chicago, owned by C. H. Lane & Co., of Buffalo, is in the Union Dry-Dock for a thorough rebuild. She will receive new keelsons, frames, ceiling, bilge strakes, stanchions, and extensive repairs to her upper works. The Chicago was partially rebuilt last year, receiving new arches, and frames, and ceiling at each end. The repairs this season begin where they were left off last season. Every particle of old and decayed timber will be removed, and the craft will come out next spring almost as good as new, with an A2 rating. The cost of the repairs is estimated at $10,000.

The propeller Winslow, of the Anchor Line, is in the Union Dock for repairs, and the schooner William Shupe is at the yards to receive a new centerboard box.

John Green, owner of the schooner James D. Sawyer, thinks of converting the vessel into a steam-barge, and the work will probably be done by this company. One of the engines and boilers of the wrecked steamship Amazon will be used in case the proposed change is effected.

S. L. Watson, owner of the schooner Champion, will have that vessel thoroughly rebuilt this winter, but has not decided yet at which yard the work will be done. She will have a new hail, stanchions, stringers, frames from end aft, centerboard box, new deck, and minor repairs. The work will cost between $5,000 and $6,000, and will give her a higher rating.

Considerable other work is contemplated, but has not assumed definit shape.

THE NORTHWESTERN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY'S FLEET.

Important changes are contemplated in the steam-barges of the Northwestern Transportation Company's fleet. The Forest City is to be cut down to the main deck and built up solid with oak as a double decker. The R. J. Hackett is also to be converted into a double-decker. The Minneapolis is to have her boiler raised, her engine extensively overhauled, the pine ceiling between decks removed and replaced with oak, and receive such other repairs and improvements as may be deemed necessary. The work on the Hackett and Forest City will be done at Detroit; that on the Minneapolis at Milwaukee.

NEW COMPOSIT PROPELLER.

Messrs. Myles & Son are about to have constructed at Hamilton, Ont., a composit propeller (iron frame with oak outer plank and ceiling) of 40,000 bushels carrying capacity, like to be built in the most substantil manner. Dimensions: Length of keel, 180 feet; beam, 35 feet; depth of hold, 16 feet. She will be driven by an engine of 400-horse power. It is intended to run her in the freight and passenger trade between Chicago and Montreal. Work will be commenced at an early date, arrangements for all the material except iron having already been made, but the craft is not expected to be ready for business before the end of next summer. Her cost will not be less than $60,000.

NEW IRON BOATS.

The Union Steamboat Company are said still to be negotiating with the Detroit Dry-Dock Company for the construction of an iron propeller that is to be the largest carrier, as well as the largest craft on the lakes. It is regarded as almost absolutely certain that the contract will soon be let.

The Detroit Dry-Dock Company closed a contract last Friday morning for an iron screw steamer for Charles Hewick of this city. She will be 235x35½, with 15½ feet depth of hold. She will have three spars, and is intended for the iron-ore trade.

WORK AT VARIOUS POINTS.

It is reported at Milwaukee that Wolf & Davidson are about to begin work on the new steam-barge for the lumber trade. She will be 165 feet over all, 32 feet beam, and 12 feet hold.

At Kingston, Ont., the steamer Gipsey is receiving new bottom plank and will also be provided with a new boiler and engine.

The new barge on the stocks at Kingston, Ont., for the Montreal Transportation Company is being pushed ahead at a lively rate. A large number of workmen are engaged upon her.

The tug Wren, owned by Mr. Gilbert, contractor for the improvement of the Gallops Rapids, is to be largely repaired at Kingston, Ont.

At Detroit, the schooner Mont Blanc will be largely repaired, and the schooner John Wesley is to be provided with a new deck.

The propeller Brooklyn is to be thoroughly rebuilt at Port Dalhousie for Messrs. Burrows & Crankshaw, of Hamilton, Ont.

The Chicago schooner North Cape is to receive a new deck at Buffalo this winter.

At Oswego, the engine and boiler of the tug C. P. Morse will be put in the tug building by Capt. T. Donovan, and the boiler and engine of the Melvin into Capt. Redford's new tug.

FROM THE ICE-FIELDS.

THE SITUATION ON LAKE ERIE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ANDERDON, Ont., Dec. 2.—The steamer City of Detroit came up the south passage this morning.

The ferry steamers Fortune and Excelsior arrived at Amhersburg at noon. They got the down-fleet through at 4 o'clock last night. They report the ice ridged up fifteen feet high in some places. The Fortune had some of the iron torn off her bow, and will probably have to go into dry-dock for repairs.

The propellers Rochester, China, Alaska, and Newburg left Amhersburg early this morning. They had a good run down, and got through about half-past 3 o'clock.

The Garland is now returning. She was delayed a short time by the ice stopping up her pumps.

The steam-barge Swain and consort, with iron ore for Cleveland, were released from the ice in Lake Erie this morning by the ferry Fortune, and came to the river. They had been in the ice since Sunday, and had a tough time. They returned to Detroit this afternoon. The Cormorant will also go to Detroit as soon as the water raises on the Lime Kilns.

The steam-barge Sheldon tried to go down the south passage, but returned the second time, and is still at Amhersburg. She will probably go to Detroit and lay up.

The steam-barge Rose and consorts has tied up for good at Amhersburg. The Yosemite and barges are still there.

The propellers Lehigh, Arabia, and the rest of the down fleet, are expected to reach Buffalo tonight. They got through the ice Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. The Garland with the Rochester, Newburg, Alaska, and China, were fifteen miles below Colchester, going along all right. About two miles above Colchester the Garland's pumps got stopped up with ice. She soon got all right again and caught up with the four propellers. The fleet got through all right about 3:30 p.m. The Garland is returning.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

KINGSVILLE, Ont., Dec. 2.—This morning the ferryboat Garland left Amhersburg with four propellers,—the Rochester, Newburg, Alaska, and China,—bound down, and got them through the ice below the dummy about 3:30 this afternoon.

The City of Detroit reached Detroit this evening.

The ferryboats Fortune and Excelsior passed up early this morning, light.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Dec. 2.—Navigation is about closed at this port. The tug McClellan and the tug Champion with the barge Pane arrived down to-day. The steamer City of Detroit arrived up to-day. The steam-barges Cormorant and consort and V. Swain and consort have turned back, and are expected to arrive up to-night to lay up.

Wind west, four miles.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

DEATH FROM EXPOSURE AND CRUEL TREATMENT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 2.—Thomas Host, an ex-lake Captain, died from exposure at the Williams Hotel last night. He was a sailor on the Midland Rover, which the crew deserted at Cheboygan, and he came on to Toronto weak and exhausted. The Captain is said to have treated him horribly.

THEY HAVE DONE WELL.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 12.—The trade from Chicago to Kingston was not by comparison as good as last year. The Lake Ontario carriers have, however, done better this year, taking the whole season through, than last year. The propellers have done better than sailing vessels, and very much better than they did last year.

RELIC OF A SHIPWRECK.

A trunk containing clothing has been picked up on the north side of the peninsula at Three-Mile Bay which is believed to have been the property of the late Capt. P. J. Elliffe, of the schooner Monroe, which water-logged a short distance west of this.

MILWAUKEE ITEMS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 2.—The wrecking tug Leviathan reached here to-day, with the schooner Knight Templar. Her damages could not be ascertained, as it was dark before the dock was pumped out.

The steam barge D. W. Rust and schooners Butts, Three Brothers, and C. P. Minch are in from below. The Minch was twenty-five days from Cleveland.

The tug Hagerman also returned from Egg Harbor, after an unsuccessful attempt to release the schooner Elida from the ice.

AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Capt. William Hall, of Toronto, is in port with his tug Robb and tow of vessels, J. Bentley and Marquis, to-day. Summons was served upon him in an action brought in the Supreme Court by James Skillin, on account of the loss of his son, Daniel Skillin, while stripping the Bentley here a year ago yesterday. Daniel went aloft to drop the lifts, and had hold of a rope which parted. He fell from the crosstree to the deck, and died the same evening. The complainant sets forth that the defendant was careless, the rope being rotten.

MILD WEATHER AT BUFFALO.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Several line propellers came in to-day, but nothing went out.

It is probable that many of the canal-boats will be put in better winter quarters, if not pushed way through, by the present moderate weather.

COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 2.—The Collectorship made vacant by the death of Gen. Brown has been filled by the appointment of Mathew R. Barr, of this city.

LAKE PORTS.

PORT HURON.

PORT HURON, Mich., Dec. 2.—Down—The tug Champion, with the schooner Fame.

Up—The propeller New York, stripping; schooners George Murray, A. Ford, Reed Case, Montauk.

Weather—Clear; wind northwest.

ERIE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 2.—Entered—Schooner Commodore, light, Saginaw; schooner Annie Sherwood, corn; propeller Roanoke, wheat, Chicago. Cleared—Propellers Philadelphia, Arizona, grain; Juniata and Lehigh, grain.

CHEBOYGAN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CHEBOYGAN, Mich., Dec. 2.—Cleared—Propeller Lovell, John Pridgeon.

Wind west, fresh; snowing; weather mild.

MACKINAW CITY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MACKINAW CITY, Mich., Dec. 2.—In harbor to-night—Propeller Lawrence, schooner Monguagon, tugs Welcome, Smith, Grayling, and Anglor.

Wind northwest, fresh; mercury 26 above.

PORT OF CHICAGO.

ARRIVALS.

Prop Canada, Collingwood, sundries.
Prop Milwaukee, Buffalo, sundries.
Prop Conemaugh, Erie, sundries.
Prop Lycoming, Erie, sundries.
Prop Wissahickon, Buffalo, sundries.
Prop Boston, Buffalo, sundries.
Schr Lookout, Cheboygan, lumber.
Schr Lady Dufferin, Collingwood, sundries.
Schr Clara Parker, Escanaba, iron ore.
Schr Lafrinier, Cheboygan, lumber.
Schr W. S. Crosthwaite, Buffalo, coal.
Schr S. J. Tilden, Cleveland, coal.
Schr Exile, Cleveland, coal.
No sailings to-day.

RELIGIOUS.

Inter-Seminary Missionary Meeting.

The inter-seminary missionary meeting at the First Congregational Church, corner of West Washington and Ann streets, was held last evening, the lower part of the church being comfortbaly filled.

The first speaker was A. H. Trick, of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest. His subject was, "The Church Fundamentally a Missionary Society." He briefly traced the growth of missionary labors from their inception in ancient times down to the present, and showed that the Church's untiring zeal in this regard had been attended with wonderful results. The spread of the Gospel has been its impelling principle. There should be a chair to every theological seminary devoted especially to mission work, so that students would be fully prepared for the fields of labor they entered upon. A greater degree of preparation was needed than has been customary with the sending forth of missionaries by the Churches.

"How to Interest the Church in His People in Mission Work" was the subject of Mr. T. C. Warrington, of the Methodist Seminary. He said the work of the missionary was world-wide, and the means for its accomplishment are not wanting. The pastor should dwell on its importance, and familiarize his hearers on the topography, climate, and characteristics of people to whom missionaries were sent. Greater spirituality on the part of the Church was necessary. Love for the Savior beget love for souls. Familiarize the people with the facts, and glorious results will follow. Missions pay, even in a financial sense. By the opening of new channels of trade, England reaps 20 per cent on the money expended on missions.

Mr. C. F. Gates, of the Chicago Theological Seminary, spoke on "The Right Attitude of Young Men Toward Home Missions." He commenced by saying that this great city, like Chicago, with a population of over half a million, it was not to its credit that there were scarcely 200 students in her four theological seminaries intended for the ministry. The West calls for live, active, young men,—men full of self-sacrifice, who will take up service for the cause of Christ in untried and undeveloped fields of labor. In the vast Territories infidelity, Mormonism, and Roman Catholicism will find their votaries unless the young men come to the rescue. Now is the time to utilise the forces at the command of Christian people, and the young men should lead in the work.

"Selfishness, the Hindrance to the World's Evangelization," was the subject of Mr. J. W. Conley's remarks. He thought a great hindrance to mission work was the love of ease, and culture, and social relations which the minister enjoyed in America. He did not like to sever these ties, and hence was actuated by selfishness. More men should respond to the call of the Master. More agents were not wanted, but the men to cultivate a soil that would bring forth an abundant harvest.

The Rev. Arthur T. Pearson, of Detroit, closed the exercises in a very entertaining discourse on "Fields White for the Reaper." He showed on some maps the vast fields which were open for the work of the missionary, and what had been accomplished in the last fifty years in rooting out Paganism and spreading the Gospel. The immense areas of territory possessed by the United States, and the opportunities it possessed for mission work of a practical kind, were commented on. The reverend gentleman gave some figures in relation to the gigantic strides taken by the United States within the last decade that were astonishing to many present. He touched lightly on the foreign field, and showed what progress was made in the Papal countries of Europe by the spread of the Gospel of Christ.

The meeting closed after prayer and the singing of the Doxology by the congregation.

WET SEASON IN CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 1.—A heavy southeast storm is prevailing to-day throughout the State, except in the most southerly counties, though the indications are it will reach there by to-morrow. The rainfall is plentiful, with a prospect of continuance. Some uneasiness has been felt at the lateness of the rains, but there is now every reason to believe the wet season is finally begun.

Cured by Skimmed Milk—Gen. Schenck Finds It a Specific for Bright's Disease.

Washington Special to Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.

Gen. Schenck has returned here almost entirely restored to health. For over two years he had been a sufferer from Bright's disease of the kidneys, and repeatedly during that period his life had been despaired of and his physicians pronounced his case hopeless. The General, however, never abandoned hope, and more recently persisted in a course of treatment which was recommended to him by an old-time doctor in Vermont, where he spent his summers. This consisted of a diet of pure skimmed milk, with little else as nourishment. He attributes his convalescence wholly to this simple treatment. To all appearance the General's health is in such a condition that he will soon be able to return to the active pursuit of his profession, that of the law, in which he always stood eminent before the highest tribunals of the country.

B. F. ALLEN.

A Motion to Quash the Indictment Overruled.

The Defendant Himself Takes the Stand —His Ignorance of the Reports.

The Testimony in the Case Will Be All in To-Day.

Bank-Examiner Meigs was recalled to the stand yesterday morning at the opening of the B. F. Allen trial, and asked by Gen. Leake whether the reports to the Controller of the condition of the Cook County National tended to show that the bank was in good financial shape.

The defense objected, and the Court thought it a question for the jury to decide. Gen. Leake had no further questions to put, and announced that the Government rested.

THE INDICTMENT SUSTAINED.

Judge Cole thereupon moved to acquit his client, basing the motion, so far as the first two counts wore concerned, on the ground that Allen, the alleged accessory of Cleveland, who was indicted as principal and the indictment against him nolled, could not be convicted while the principal went free. As to the third and fourth counts, the Judge claimed that the evidence utterly failed to show that Allen was guilty of the offense charged as defined in the statute. It was no offense, under the statute, to make "a false report," but to make "a false entry" in a book or report. Now, the testimony was very clear that Allen had made no entries whatever in any of the books or reports; that, as a matter of fact, the entries and reports were all made by subordinates and simply signed by Allen as President. In order to fortify his position, the Judge proceeded to cite a large range of authorities calculated to strengthen the claim that penal statutes must be strictly construed. He also labored to show that the indictment was bad in that it referred to Allen's alleged attempts to deceive by means of these alleged false reports certain Directors to the Grand Jurors unknown, whereas, in truth and in fact, the names of all the officers and Directors were commonly known, and it was evident that the Grand Jury might have known the names of the persons alleged to be injured. It was also evident, Judge Cole thought, from a number of authorities which he cited, that if any such proof could have been introduced, and the Government failed to introduce it, that failure would be a failure to sustain the prosecution.

The Court said he didn't care to hear from the Government on any of the points raised except the first.

Gen. Leake's assistant, in reply to this, took the position that in a misdemeanor such as was here charged there was no principal and no accessory as such, that distinction holding good only in a case of felony. It was as possible to indict Allen alone for aiding and abetting in a misdemeanor as to indict him with Cleveland.

The Court thought the indictment would lie against Allen alone for aiding and abetting. The mere fact that Cleveland was indicted with him as the maker of the false reports, and Allen as aiding and abetting him, and a nolle was entered as to Cleveland, did not require that Allen should be acquitted because of the failure to convict the principal. In order to convict, of course, it must appear that the report was false, and that Allen aided and abetted in it. But the Court did not think that the law of accessories applied here with the same strictness that it did under the old common law. The fact that a nolle had been entered as to Cleveland did not discharge a person who might have aided and abetted him. With regard to the second point raised, he did not think it necessary, under the statute, that a false entry should actually be written by the person charged with making it, if his was the controlling mind, and if the entry was made by his direction or at his instance. This view he regarded as in harmony not only with the letter, but the spirit, of the statute. It was not necessary, in order that a man might be said to do a thing, that his own hand should guide the pen, if his mind directed the hand that guided the pen. With reference to the third point, the Court held that the words "whose names are to the Grand Jurors unknown," following the averment "with intent to defraud such association and divers individuals and shareholders thereof," were wholly surplusage. The indictment would be sufficiently certain and exact if the pleader had stopped with the averment that the acts complained of were done with intent to defraud the association and the shareholders. For the purposes of this motion, he was inclined to treat the averment objected to as wholly surplusage. The motion was therefore overruled.

TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE.

Balked in their attempt to quash the matter, the defense fell back on Caleb Barrett, the ex-bookkeeper, who made them quite a good witness as he did on cross-examination the other day. The upshot of his testimony was, as then, that everything was just as it appeared on the books.

John P. Wilson, the bank clerk, testified that three of the reports were in his handwriting. In response to Gen. Leake, he stated that he always received directions from somebody how to make them, but he could not recall who that somebody was.

Receiver Burley was called, and, after an objection of the prosecution, was allowed to tell what Allen had done to keep the bank afloat. Mr. Burley testified on this point that Allen gave his notes for about $300,000, secured by $400,000 worth of collateral for the purpose of obtaining loans, which he never got, from the Charter Oak, and afterwards made the celebrated "blanket mortgage." His attention was then drawn to the controversy between the Cook County National and the American Exchange National, and Meigs' appearance on the ground as National Bank Examiner, fortified by letter from the Controller. According to this letter, Meigs was sent out to investigate matters between these two banks, but, instead of doing this, seemed to devote his attention to adding up columns of figures under the inspiration of certain memoranda, which he carefully turned over and concealed whenever witness approached. After the first day or so, Meigs never consulted him, as directed so to do by the Controller, but frequently inquired for certain papers known only to Bleunerhasset and a few others.

The business explained that, so far as he was advised, all that Meigs had to do with the negotiations between these banks occurred prior to his coming to Chicago.

On the redirect, the witness testified that he had found the balance-book and the ledger to correspond. To Gen. Leake he explained that, in working on the books, he had been looking more for good, live assets than for purposes of verifying accounts.

B. F. ALLEN.

The familiar form of the defendant himself next mounted the witness-stand, and the jurors pricked up their ears in the prospect of getting the story of an exceptionally busy life. After the biographical pornon of the testimony had been gotten in, the defendant-witness proceeded to state that when he came to Chicago he had at least $1,000,000 worth of unincumbered real estate. In fact, before coming to Chicago he had never given a mortgage. In order to get control of the Cook County National he bought out D. D. Spencer's stock, paying $265,000 for the first block,—a premium of 10 per cent. At the time he knew nothing of the paper in the bank, and had no personal acquaintance with the men connected with it, but supposed they were all honest and all wealthy. A few months afterwards he had from $300,000 to $350,000 worth of the stock. Soon after getting in, he discovered a lot of paper which had been rediscounted, and further along that a large part of the assets was in that kind of paper and had been for a long time. The longer the thing ran, the more poor paper was discovered. This was especially true after the panic, when some of it that had been previously regarded as possibly good turned out hopelessly bad. The Bowen family, Tom Dobbins, Honoré, Brown, Sam Walker, and a lot of other fellows had turned it in, and there it was, and there it remained. $700,000 or $800,000 of it, seriously worthless. Returning from New York during the panic, with $100,000 in his satchel, he found that the bank had accepted a $100,000 draft of Sam Walker on the Badgers. Then, and not till then, did he lose his grip. Had it not been for this, the bank would have gone on all right. As it was, they had to close for one day. The exbanker also recounted his strenuous efforts to keep the bank afloat subsequent to the panic, detailing his attempts to negotiate a loan with the Charter Oak Life, which fell through and left him minus the collaterals he had furnished. From that day to this he had never seen or recovered any of them. While still expecting the loan, however, he made the celebrated "blanket mortgage," with the design of turning over the proceeds to Messrs. Stephens & Co. for the bank. But along about the 12th of January, 1875, Allen, Stephens & Co. sent word that they had gone as far as they could. From that time up to the date of the failure fully $300,000 was raised and paid over the counter. All this while he expected a return of those securities from the Charter Oak folks,—securities which had taken all the property he owned. But the securities didn't come back,—couldn't be got,—and with this prop gone there was no show left, and failure was the inevitable result. During those last days he got no money out of the bank, and finally turned the concern over to Bank Examiner Spink, and didn't go back again for thirty days. The next day after the failure he got the Rock Island Road to pass him over its line, and went to Des Moines.

The defendant's attention was then directed to the reports in question, and he was asked in whose handwriting they appeared. He confessed his inability to tell, but admitted that two were signed by himself as President and the other two as Director. These reports were made up by the heads of the departments, laid on his desk just as a draft would be, and then signed by him. As to how they were made up he had no idea, never having prepared one in his life. Not an item in any of these reports, so far as he had any reason to know or believe, was untrue. He had never directed a clerk to make up any report, whether in the Cook County National or any other bank, nor had he ever counted the money. In fact, he never saw the inside of the money-box. He did have the vault-combination at first, but was afraid of losing it, and tore it up. His knowledge of bookkeeping, he was sorry to say, was very meagre, his early education in that respect having been sadly neglected. As for a Bank-President knowing everything about the condition of his bank, it was simply impossible. At no time did he have any idea that the bank reserve was less than what it was represented to be by these reports to the Controller.

The noon recess put the continuation of Mr. Allen's story over until afternoon.

The concluding part of the direct examination in the afternoon was very brief. It amounted simply to a general denial on Allen's part that he had ever directed any false entries or ever knew of any.

Mr. Bisbee tried to show the enmity between Allen and Biennerhasset, but the Court promptly excluded any testimony on that head.

GEN. LEAKE CONDUCTED THE CROSS-EXAMINATION,

and began by inquiring into Allen's history as an Iowa financier from the time he set up his first bank. The showing, in brief, was that all his ventures previous to the Cook County National were without capital, and dependent upon his own resources which he put in. The house of Allen, Stephens & Co. was without capital at the start and afterwards, when it lived on its customers' deposits and its own accumulations. He was also a member of the firm of E. F. Murphy & Co., but put in no capital. Nor did he recollect that Murphy put in any. He did not think the sole capital of the firm was its ability to borrow money of the institutions with which he was connected. While banking in Iowa he held some $540,000 as a Receiver's fund. When it was finally distributed it was over $600,000, including interest. Previous to that time he had bought into the Cook County National. Between the time he received it and bought into the bank he had incurred no heavy obligations or suffered any great losses. Some of these bonds which he held as Receiver he had used as collaterals with George Updyke & Co., Allen, Stephens & Co., John F. Tracy, and others, for the purpose of raising money to help him in the pork-packing business and with people in Des Moines who did business with his bank. When the bonds were called for he responded promptly. There were no losses to speak of as he now recollected, that he had to make good. When he bought into the Cook County for $220,000, he paid $100,000 cash and gave his notes for the balance, taking the $100,000 out of his private bank at Des Moines, which also furnished the balance. As it turned out, his investment in the Cook County was a dead loss. He also had a call-loan account in the latter, amounting in July, 1873, to probably $200,000, secured by collaterals from Des Moines. The bad debts in the Cook County amounted at least to $700,000 or $800,000, and were carried as loans and discounts, excepting what was charged as profit and loss. In settling up the old bond account as Receiver, he gave drafts on the Cook County National, the amount standing as a call loan. The interest on the bonds was paid him as Receiver by the Rock Island Road, and made good by him in the final settlement out of his private funds in the private bank at Des Moines. His New York partners wanted him to drop the Cook County National to a hard pinch, but his own idea was to hold up the Cook County, and, with it, the others, realizing that if it went the others would go with it, and if it lived it would pull the rest through. It was a desperate chance on his part, but it was what he tried to do. It was not true that H. C. Nutt took $50,000 just before the failure, belonging to his wife, and put it into the bank. It was just the other way. Nutt took out about $100,000. Witness frequently had conversations with the Directors about the outlook and affairs of the bank, but did not call on them to put up, believing he was able to pull it through himself. His private bank at Des Moines furnished the securities that went to the Charter Oak for the loan that was never obtained. What became of those securities the Receiver could probably tell. He had never seen them since. Among his other losses, while speculating at various times, was $50,000 which went into stock of the Canada Southern and $60,000 into stock of the Lake Shore. At one time he made $310,000 in a stock speculation, getting a check for that amount. He also put some $200,000 into his Des Moines private residence, and lost considerable as a member of the firm of E. F. Murphy & Co., of H. M. Bush & Co., and of Lewis & Stephens. Swamp lands lost him something more, and his ventures in coal lands were not altogether successful. His Kentucky mountain lands, he supposed, were there yet [laughter]; at least he had never made anything out of them. He also furnished money to run the Sturges corn deal, but couldn't say what the loss was. He also put $10,000 in a house on Prairie avenue, $60,000 in South Evanston property, which was lost, and $10,000 in Grand Pacific Hotel stock, which was a total loss. As to these reports, he thought he might have asked the clerks who made them out if they were correct, or he might have signed them without question, just as he would a draft placed on his desk. When the report of Dec. 31, 1874, was made, the bank was actually insolvent, aside from his personal assets, and the same was true in reference to the other reports back to May 1, 1874. He supposed the reports, when published, would convey to the stockholders and depositors the idea that the bank was solvent; when in fact it was not.

The redirect was brief, and mainly devoted to showing that, in spite of all his losses in speculations, his gains overtopped them by about $300,000.

The trial went over at this point until this morning, when the testimony will be closed. The remainder of the day will probably be given up to the arguments.

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ARER FORREST, French Consul at San Francisco, is at the Tremont.

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B. F. MARSH, M. C., of the Tenth Illinois District, is registered at the Pacific.

CAPT. J. A. SLADER, U. S. N., and Capt. Allen Smith, U. S. A., are at the Palmer.

JOSEPH COLLETT, President of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, is at the Tremont.

JOHN F. MUNN, the leader of Tony Denier's Humpty Dumpty Band, was married yesterday to Miss Mary E. Ross, of Grand Crossing.

JUDGE JOHN E. POLLOCK, of Bloomington, Ill. Judge H. B. Munn, of Washington; and Judge J. H. Scutor, of Portland, Ore., are at the Pacific.

J. T. LANE, United States District Attorney at Davenport, and J. W. Chapman, United States Marshal at Council Bluffs, Ia., are at the Sherman.

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THE members of the Chicago Academy of Homeopathic Physicians and Surgeons met last evening. The following papers were read and discussed: "Lead Poisoning," by Dr. N. B. De Lamater; "Secale and Verburnun," by Dr. E. M. Hall; "Hydatids of the Bladder," by Dr. F. H. Newman.

L. H. MYERS, President of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad; George C. Kimball, General Superintendent of the Chicago & Michigan Lake Shore Railroad; Elijah Smith, President of the Burlington & Southwestern Railroad; and F. M. Myers, President of the Southern Minnesota Railroad, are at the Pacific.

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An Entertainment Committee was appointed, consisting of Mesdames Sanger, Woodward, Tisdale, Edsall, Van Benschoten, Ballard, Bryden, Marsh, and Waterman, to whom was referred a project to have a series of tableaux for the benefit of the institution.

In regard to the Christmas dinner, it was decided to ask all friends of the school to send in their donations for that purpose at least by the 23d, to Mr. Byron Schemerhorn, United States Express office, on Washington street.

A number of fancy articles which have been made by the ladies will be sold Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, at the residence of Mrs. G. B. Marsh, No. 1828 Indiana avenue.

Special votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Mancel Talcott and the ladies of Somers, Wis., for unusually generous contributions.

Complaints were made that unauthorized persons have been collecting for the school, and the ladies desire to announce that the only person authorized to collect is the regular solicitor, who is supplied with papers showing her authority.

THE SINGING SOCIETIES.

A meeting was held last evening at No. 67 Randolph street of representatives of local musical societies having in charge the general arrangements for the Sängerfest which is to be held in this city next June. Mr. Frank Amberg presided. Communications were received from the Social Singer Band and Liederkranz Societies of Louisville, and the Orpheus Singing Society of St. Louis, remitting dues, and requesting that music scores be sent them for practice purposes.

The Committee on Concert reported that they had been unable to secure the North Side Turner Hall for the Christmas concert, and it was therefore resolved to postpone the affair for three months.

Hans Balatka, leader of the Fest music, reported that he had received from New York 930 musical score-books, and that the distribution of the books would commence at once.

A communication was received from the Bach and Handel Society of this city, requesting information as to the time and place of rehearsals, and notifying the Central Committee that many members of the Society desired to take part in the festival.

In making up the list of Societies to be invited the Lieder Tafel of New Orleans was inadvertently overlooked, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to include that Society.

The following Committees were appointed: Board of Control—Dr. G. A. Christman, Oscar Schmidt, Theodore Arnold, Philip Maas, W. Framhein, A. F. Nussbaumer, and K. W. Stein. Committee on Music—Edward Uihlein, Emil Hoechster, H. Porny, Alfred Bucher, E. Heinze, and Hans Balatka, ex-officio.

Messrs. Charles Kauffeldt, F. Kirchner, and H. Porny were appointed a Committee on Hall, and were instructed to secure either Hershey Hall or the First Methodist Church, in which to hold chorus rehearsals.

It was resolved to commence the grand rehearsals for male voices from all the Societies on the first Sunday in January, under the leadership of Hans Balatka.

THE CITY-HALL.

THE Mayor continues on the sick-list, but was reported better yesterday. He expects to be around to-day.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company was yesterday granted a permit to close the Adams-street viaduct to travel until Monday.

FIVE of the ten "shut-off men" in the Water Department have been discharged, there being nothing for them to do, the election being over.

CITY-ATTORNEY GRINNELL will cause the quasi-criminal calendar to be called in the Criminal Court Monday morning, and bondsmen and others interested will do well to make a note of it.

HENRY C. COLLINS yesterday lodged a written complaint with Superintendent McGarigle against Officer Dooley, who, he claims, arrested him illegally a few days ago. The case will be heard Sunday at 2 o'clock.

THE part the Sealer of Weights and Measures played in the recovery of the jewelry stolen from the Clifton House is not regarded as very creditable at the rookery, and it is predicted that it will cost him for official head. The Aldermen were very outspoken on the subject.

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The Visiting Committee reported that they found everything all right at the school, the existing arrangements for the scholars being all that could be desired.

An Entertainment Committee was appointed, consisting of Mesdames Sanger, Woodward, Tisdale, Edsall, Van Benschoten, Ballard, Bryden, Marsh, and Waterman, to whom was referred a project to have a series of tableaux for the benefit of the institution.

In regard to the Christmas dinner, it was decided to ask all friends of the school to send in their donations for that purpose at least by the 23d, to Mr. Byron Schemerhorn, United States Express office, on Washington street.

A number of fancy articles which have been made by the ladies will be sold Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, at the residence of Mrs. G. B. Marsh, No. 1828 Indiana avenue.

Special votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Mancel Talcott and the ladies of Somers, Wis., for unusually generous contributions.

Complaints were made that unauthorized persons have been collecting for the school, and the ladies desire to announce that the only person authorized to collect is the regular solicitor,

FEDERAL NOTES.

THE gold disbursements at the Sub-Treasury yesterday amounted to $10,000.

ONE hundred and thirty barrels of alcohol were exported from this city yesterday.

THE silver receipts and disbursements at the Sub-Treasury yesterday balanced each other, —$2,000 each way.

THE internal-revenue receipts yesterday were $39,223, of which amount $34,641 was for taxpaid spirits, $3,569 for tobacco and cigars, and $925 for beer.

THE following is a list of the dutiable goods received at the Customs-House yesterday: W. A. Sheararon, 300 bushels barley; Verchio, Ruhling & Co., 19 cases crockery; Verchio, Ruhling & Co., 11 cases crockery; Root & Sons' Musical Company, 2 cases musical instruments; Moseback & Humphreys, 5 barrels carbonate potash; J. W. Doane & Co., 239 boxes nutmegs; G. Mallinkrodt & Co., 125 drums caustic soda; G. S. Haskell & Co., 49 sacks feed; Benson Bros., 30 half-barrels anchovies, 1 case cheese; J. C. Vaughan, 8 cases flowers and plants; C. Gossage & Co., 1 case dry goods; John Morril & Co., 14 hogsheads saltpetre; Burley & Tyrrell, 10 packages earthenware; Charles Gossage & Co., 1 case leather goods; Hitchcock & Foster, 2,500 cedar ties, 5,000 cedar posts. The collections were $14,962.

AN impression has been industriously circulated by the individuals who are yet to be tried in connection with the remaining match-bound cases that the case disposed of last week might be taken as a fair sample of all the rest, and that the wholesale acquittal then obtained was only the key-note of what was to follow. The fact is, that the case which was tried last week was the weakest of the lot, and the mistake of trying it first is now realized, though it was not before. More than that, it was by no means typical of the others, and had no connection with them. In this one there actually was a match-factory. In the others there was not. The other differences between it and them will be pretty thoroughly developed when they come to trial, which will be shortly after the Allen case is disposed of.

THE report of the business transacted at the Chicago Post-Office for the month of November shows the usually gratifying results: Increase of postage stamps, postal cards, newspaper and periodical stamps, and stamped envelopes amounted to $16,184. The carrier force, increased by eight auxiliaries, amounted to 191. The number of mail letters delivered was 2,183,300; registered letters, 20,164; mail postal cards, 456,384; local letters, 416,507; and local postal cards, 277,445. The number of letters collected was 2,494,125. The total of postal receipts, $107,053. The money orders issued amounted to $106,785, of which $84,104 represented the amount of the domestic ones. The total business amounted to $191,144. The Postmaster's deposits were $775,614. The total amount of money orders paid was $607,814, of which $602,481 were domestic. The amount of remittances to New York was $289,000.

POST-OFFICE PLUNDERING.

The word-picture in the case of robbing the mails has resulted in rather more than was at first expected. The Post-Office authorities yesterday arrested one Martin Purcell, a farmer at De Kalb, on the charge of receiving checks stolen from the mails after they had been stolen. He waived a hearing before Commissioner Hoyne and was held to the Grand Jury in $1,500 bail. The formal proceedings were merely an afternoon to the developments made outside of court. Sims, who was arrested a couple of days ago, knuckled down in the face of the evidence against him and squealed, and Purcell gave everything when he was taken and brought into the net. The investigations of the Post-Office Inspectors brought to light a pretty well-managed scheme of large dimensions for not only robbing the mails but robbing railroad ticket-offices in the country, capturing the supply of tickets on hand, and filling them up and altering them for use or sale. Sims' kit was fished out of obscurity at Fulton, and a number of railroad tickets, of all conceivable shapes, sizes, and colors, of baggage checks on which to build up claims for lost baggage, express tickets, a font of type which had evidently been used in filling up the tickets and in some cases in replacing the names of places already in them, and several assortments of printer's ink, etc., etc., were opened up to the astonished gaze of the officials. The tickets were all the property of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, whose office at Altamont was burned down and robbed only a short time ago. The value of this part of the plunder alone was about $3,000. Purcell, who has been Clerk of the School Board at De Kalb, looked after the business of forging indorsements to the checks which he obtained himself or which were sent him by Sims and the others engaged in the scheme who have not yet been caught, but who are likely to be captured in a few days. Stolen checks, made payable to people in the country, were obtained with no great difficulty by simply inquiring at various Post-Offices for certain persons' mail. The payees, of course, were farmers with whose signatures Purcell was naturally familiar, and the forgery and the indorsement it was not a matter of great difficulty. How many of these checks have been presented and cashed has not yet been developed, but the number and amount are undoubtedly large. The letter-box which passed between the parties confirm the statements made in their confessions, and show that the scheme was a well planned one, and that the results were large in proportion. The Sims ticket business was probably an offshoot from it, which apparently grew to more formidable proportions than the original scheme of stealing checks from the mails. The arrest and the developments connected with it are likely to warn others who may be engaged in similar devilry and to put to a stop, for a time at least, to depredations on the mails and the robbing and burning down of railroad ticket offices.

SUBURBAN.

ENGLEWOOD.

The Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church Society is contemplating erecting a church edifice of its own. Since its organization its members have been dependent upon the liberality of the other churches, which have allowed them to have the use of their auditoriums a part of each Sunday. The Society has been steadily increasing in membership, and the members feel that they are about able to have a church of their own. The ladies, to assist in the enterprise, have for some time been preparing for a fair and bazaar, which will take place this evening at Tillotson Hall.

The case of destitution of a family of five children whose father put them in an unoccupied barn on School street, near the boulevard, were taken in charge by the police yesterday. The suffering was found to be even worse than represented. The father is James Rowan. His wife some time ago deserted him, taking with her three girls aged 14 years, 7 years, and 18 months, leaving behind five boys ranging from 9 years to 13. These were found to be almost naked, with no fire and very little food. The children were sent to the Home of the Friendless, and the father was sent to the Bridwell as a vagrant.

HYDE PARK AND LAKE.

A joint meeting of the Trustees of the Village of Hyde Park and Lake was held at the Grand Pacific last evening, H. H. Hobart in the chair.

The object of the gathering was to discuss the Water-Works question—the proposed sale of the interest of the Village of Hyde Park in the Water-Works to the Town of Lake. Appraisers, appointed some weeks ago, were present to get at the views of the members for guidance in making the appraisement.

Considerable discussion was had upon the question of how to appraise the special castings on hand. This was settled by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That each of the towns furnish the appraisers with a map locating the special castings, and where they agree they shall be adopted, and where they do not the appraisers shall ascertain the facts for themselves and act accordingly; reporting at last possible moment.

A further resolution, introduced by Mr. Muirhead, was adopted, authorizing the appraisers to go on with their work within two days upon any information they might be furnished by the respective Boards of Trustees.

The appraisers were further instructed to regard the iron-pipe as "standard"; to consider the cost of the well being sunk as its appraisable value; and to fix all values on the basis of prices existing Oct. 4, when Hyde Park first gave notice of its desire to do away with the partnership existing in the maintenance of the Water-Works.

Some further informal talk was had bearing more especialy upon the value of the Crib, and in answer to questions from the appraisers some of the details of the proposed purchase were also discussed, but no further action was taken.

The appraisers are promised the maps of the town this morning, and will at once enter upon their duties.

OKLAHOMA.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 2.—Col. Porter, D. M. Hodge, and ex-Gov. Ward Coachman, representatives of the Creek Indians, arrived here to-day en route to Washington, where they will look after the interests of the Creek Nation during the coming session of Congress. The Creek Indians are strongly opposed to the settlement of the ceded lands now known as "Oklahoma" by the whites.

A CAREFUL CRITIC.

A lady of culture and refinement remarked that after a tour of searching inspection she found the most perfect collection of diamond earrings, pins, rings, etc., more effectively mounted, than anywhere else, at Hamilton, Shourds & Co.'s, State and Randolph streets.

SCANDAL.

Fuller Particulars of a Trial Which Is Going On at Dixon, Ill.

Circumstances Which Led to the Suit by the Rev. H. C. Yates.

Testimony Offered by Several Witnesses in Court Yesterday.

Yates Sworn Unequivocally to Be a Scoundrel Well Worthy of the Penitentiary.

Dixon and Sublette Convulsed with What Will Be a Grand Church Fight.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DIXON, Dec. 2.—The Circuit Court here yesterday entered upon the trial of a libel-suit which is attracting considerable attention in this locality. The Township of Sublette, in this county, is the home of an exceptionally intelligent and thrifty community of farmers, and is, of course, the seat of several religious societies. Among the most prosperous of these has been that of the Baptist denomination. Some two years since the latter church called to their pastorate one H. C. Yates, who had previously ministered to the church of the same faith at Payson, in Adams County, this State.

THE NEW PASTOR

was an insinuating, self-righteous, soft-spoken shepherd, and lost no time in making himself at home in the family of one of the leading citizens and most prominent members of his church. In this household was a vivacious and charming young lady, a member of the church and Sabbath-school, and the favorit of a large circle of warm friends. It is charged that before many months had elapsed, the reverend gentleman took advantage of his clerical position to make improper and insulting remarks to the young lady. In a short time there were received by mail by members of the congregation slips from a newspaper supposed to be published at or in the place of the pastor's former residence, in the form of a catechism, headed

"FOR THE MAN YATES,

of unsavory memory," and which would seem to indicate that the "man Yates" had been previously suspected of conduct unbecoming a clergyman. Of course, investigation followed, and church and neighborhood were "all tore up." A council of Baptist ministers "sat upon the case," and Brother Yates discontinued his ministrations to the church of that faith, but immediately received an enthusiastic call from the Congregational Church, and still continues to break the bread of life to the members of that eminently respectable constituency.

These are the circumstances in brief which have led to the present suit, which is

A CLAIM BY THE "MAN YATES"

for the modest sum of $10,000, which he seeks to recover of Nelson F. Swartwout, a wealthy farmer of Sublette, for alleged libel in having sent a copy of the so-called "catechism" to a pious neighbor for his perusal. There are a large number of witnesses in attendance from Adams County, while in Sublette business is pretty much suspended, and the pecomatory have hied them to the capital of their county, where they make glad the proprietors of the second-rate hotels.

THE COURT-ROOM

is well filled with the usual crowd of lookers-on, augmented by delegations of clergymen and bald-headed veterans, who watch eagerly for any salacious outcropping of scandal that may be developed.

The prosecution is conducted by the Hon. B. H. Trusdell, while the defense is in the hands of the Hon. John D. Crabtree and Messrs. Dixon & Bethea. The case will probably occupy the attention of the court for several days.

THE CASE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DIXON, Ill., Dec. 2.—The second day's trial of the very disgusting libel-suit of the Rev. Henry C. Yates vs. Nelson F. Swartwout, in the Circuit Court here to-day, developed, on behalf of the defense, some testimony which, if not strongly rebutted, will place the reverend plaintiff below the level of well-bred brutes. As has been before stated, Swartwout is sued for having circulated a paper entitled "A Catechism for the Man Yates, of Unsavory Memory," consisting of twenty-seven questions propounded to the Rev. Yates. The defendant filed a plea of justification, relying on his ability to prove the wickedness of the plaintiff, as hinted at in the "catechism." The plaintiff is the pastor of the Congregationalist Church at Sublette, Ill., having left the Baptist Church some time ago. He is a man of small stature, slender build, hair rather long and unmanageable, with four or five well-defined cowlicks, part of a mustache, walks a little stooped, flabby face, with a perceptible stamp of greatness upon the features.

MRS. ANNA SCARBOROUGH,

one of Yates' former church-members in the Baptist Church, testified that Yates was wont to make himself "very frequent" at her house, and many times came when her husband was not at home. On one occasion, at his request, she went with him in his buggy to attend a prayer-meeting some miles distant. After the meeting they drove to the house of a friend of Mrs. Scarborough to remain over night, Mrs. Scarborough intending to visit some relatives in the neighborhood on the following day. On the ride home witness says Yates acted decidedly like a man of the world, or one of the "boys," got his arm on her shoulder, and endeavored, by the same old story, to make her believe that ministers are

A PRIVILEGED CLASS AS REGARDS WOMEN,

whether married or single. The witness testified that Yates tried to obtain her consent to let him come to her room that night at the friend's house, which she refused. She further testified that, during the early part of the night, she heard a noise at the door, which was locked, and also heard a whisper, but did not rise, and could not hear the words. The next morning the witness went, after breakfast, with Yates in his buggy to the house of her relatives, and, on the way, Yates admitted that he tried to gain admittance to her room. The witness told her husband, but, at the earnest solicitations and finally threats of Yates, they agreed to keep the matter quiet, until, finally, Mrs. Scarborough's husband, after chewing the matter over, and getting no satisfaction, had an interview with Yates, and threatened exposure, which interview resulted in a fight, and the injured husband took the belt, while the "Rev. gent." took shelter in his house.

MRS. IRELAND, FORMERLY MISS NELLIE WILDER, of Sublette, the daughter of a well-to-do merchant of that place, both former members of Yates' fold there, was called as a witness on behalf of defendant, and testified that on one occasion, going to Yates' house to take him a book which he had requested her to bring, and finding him in his study alone, during the course of the interview, which lasted about twenty-five minutes, she was grossly insulted by Yates; that before she had fairly been seated, at his urgent request, he placed in her hands a medical book on private diseases, saying he wanted her to read

A LITTLE OF THE GOSPEL TEACHINGS.

After commenting upon the young lady's form, he found occasion to examine her foot. She tried to leave the study, but was detained by Yates, who, she says, by his appearance (being in a frenzy of passion) frightened her into remaining. The witness then said that Yates offered to expose his person, probably with a view of illustrating the medical book; and the language detailed by the brave little woman, with many a shudder and much hesitation, in answer to the question of the indulgent counsel for the defense, was of such a character as to make every man and woman in the room blush with shame, and is far too indecent to publish. The case will probably

LAST A WEEK LONGER,

as a large number of witnesses are to be examined. It has resolved itself into a church fight in the little village of Sublette. Great excitement exists in Dixon and in Sublette over the affair. Yates is pastor of the Congregationalist Church, and Swartwout a deacon in the Baptist Church of that place.

COTTON ASSOCIATION.

ATLANTA, Dec. 2.—This afternoon the International Cotton Exposition Association was organized, with Senator Joseph E. Brown, of Georgia, President, and twenty-five Vice-Presidents from the principal cities and manufacturing towns of the country. The plan contemplates a grand international exposition of the appliances and machinery used in the cultivation, preparation, and manufacture of cotton, together with exhibits of cotton fibres and fabrics, and whatever else is directly or indirectly connected with or beneficial to the cotton interests of the United States. The exposition will be held in Atlanta during October and November next.

ILLINOIS DAIRYMEN.

Program of the Forthcoming Annual Convention of the Illinois State Dairymen's Association.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 2.—The Illinois State Dairymen's Association will hold its seventh annual meeting at Marengo, Dec. 15, 16, and 17, when the following very interesting program will be carried out:

Address of welcome by the Hon. Ira Curtis, of Marengo.

President's address by Dr. Joseph Tefft, of Elgin.

Discussion: "Which is the more profitable to the dairyman: to deliver milk once or twice per day?"—Israel Boies, J. R. McLean, and C. S. Kilbourne.

Paper, "Oleomargarine," by Prof. Angell, of Washington, D. C.

Essay, "Milkmaids," by Mrs. Frank Crosby, of Elgin.

Discussions: "How may manure be most profitably and economically disposed of?"—Alex. Thompson, C. H. Larkin, T. McD. Richards.

"The cost of producing winter milk compared with the cost of producing summer milk."—Judge S. W. Hoox and W. W. Bingham.

"What legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent the adulteration of articles of food?"—R. P. McGilney, W. B. Jacobs, and G. R. Lord.

"Does not the future success of the dairy business demand that the factory-men shall skim less and make a more uniformly better article of cheese?"—R. W. Patrick, W. H. Stewart, and L. R. Udell.

Paper, "The Butter Dairy; how to make it profitable."—C. C. Buell.

"What shall we feed our winter dairies, and how shall the feed be prepared to make it the most profitable?"—Prof. F. H. Hall and S. K. Bartholamew.

Paper, "The past and future of the Elgin Board of Trade."—R. P. McGilney.

Lecture with illustrations, "Food Adulterations" by Prof. Piper, of Chicago.

Paper, "Milk: its value and importance as an article of food." Mrs. F. S. Bosworth.

Discussion, "The milk product of the country; what disposition can be made of it, to produce the most profitable and advantageous results?"—P. Moran and Thomas.

"Is it the duty of the State Government to foster and protect the dairy industry of Illinois? If so, for what reason and to what extent?"—C. H. Larkin and M. H. Underwood.

Address by Gov. Shelby M. Cullom.

INDIANAPOLIS.

Tile Drain Convention—Catholics Tackling the Color Question.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 2.—The Indiana Tile Convention continued its session to-day. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. T. Stringer, of Kokomo; Vice-President, M. Dawson, of Laurena; Recording Secretary, J. B. Macy, of Rushville; Corresponding Secretary, J. W. Billingsley, of Indianapolis; Treasurer, John Mahaffa, of Elizabethtown.

The question of the management of clays for moulding and burning was discussed by Mr. Jones, of Columbus. The President Burgess addressed the Convention on the subject of "The Benefits of Farm Drainage." The Convention adjourned this evening.

The Catholic Synod for the Diocese of Vincennes, which remained in session to-day, is all torn up over the color line, which it seems necessary to establish owing to a considerable accession of colored people to the Church. The discussion, "Shall Negro Pews be Provided in the Church and Schools?" took a wide range, and proved to be more of a problem than the able clergy could settle in half a day. Father Audrian, or Jeffersonville, advocated in a speech of much warmth the policy of not admitting negroes to have the privileges of the schools on an equality with whites, and in this manner to extinguish the color line entirely. Father Scheier represented this as impossible in their parishes, owing to the bitter prejudice which existed on the question, although it was generally agreed that the number of negroes was small. No conclusion was reached, and each pastor was left at liberty to settle the question in his own parish upon the most favorable terms. Some of the clergy announced their intention of withdrawing children privately if it was found impossible or impolitic to admit them to the parish schools. The Synod adjourned this evening.

SHORT OF COAL.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Ill., Dec. 2.—The coal famine which seems so general throughout the country is nowhere more severely felt than in the centre of the coal-fields of Illinois. The La Salle and Streator mines are giving employment to all who will work, but still the supply is far short of the demand. Streator coal which formerly sold for $2.50 is now quoted at $3.75 and $4.00, with only an occasional car-load to be had at that. The surface coal-beds of Ottawa which have supplied the local trade of this city to a considerable extent in other years are also worked to their fullest capacity, but owing to the early winter and continued cold weather but little preparation for taking out fuel had been made, and the striking of the surface soil is a very slow process with the mercury at nearly zero. Corn cobs begin to be in demand. One of the Ottawa dealers to-day telephoned to the Union Coal Company, of Peru, for his usual supply, and was informed that, except an occasional shipment of a single car-load he could not be supplied until after Jan. 15 next. The meantime poor, suffering humanity must either partake of their food in its native state and exercise to keep warm, hunt up new and more distant coal-fields, or encounter the warmer climate where visions of "black diamonds" and enormous coal-bills only present themselves in the sleeping moments.

MISSING.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Ill., Dec. 2.—About the 1st of November last, John W. Dollison left Colorado for Ottawa, Ill., where he intended to rejoin his wife, who is visiting her mother here. On the 4th of November he stopped at Russell, Kas., in Russell County, on the Kansas Pacific Railroad, and remained with a brother until the next day. At the appointed time for continuing his journey, he boarded the train, and has never been heard from since by any of his friends, either here or in Kansas. Information concerning his whereabouts will greatly relieve the deep distress and anxiety of his wife and friends, and should be addressed to Mrs. Laura E. Dollison, Ottawa, Ill., care F. M. Sapp, of the *Republican*. The missing man was suffering slightly from chills when he left Russell, and it is feared he may have been taken sick on the cars, and is now among strangers. His intended route was to Kansas City, then to Council Bluffs, and from thence to Chicago and Ottawa. He was a lawyer by profession and of considerable local prominence in Russell County. He was about 35 years old, six feet tall, light complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair, usually wore side whiskers, and weighed from 140 to 150 pounds.

BORING FOR COAL.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DECATUR, Ill., Dec. 2.—The information has just been reliably imparted to your correspondent that Jacob H. Glass, who, for the past two years has been quietly digging and boring one mile and a half south of Niantic, in this county, this morning struck a vein of coal six feet in thickness. The hole or shaft is 100 feet deep, and is located on a high bluff on the south bank of the Sangamon River. The news of this strike has occasioned a small ripple of excitement

FINANCIAL.

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WISCONSIN.

The Whole State Hungry for a Cabinet Office—The Assembly—The Senatorship—How Carpenter Stands in Relation to the Fight Between Keyes and Sawyer—The Friends of the Latter Talking with the Most Confidence.

Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

RACINE, Wis., Nov. 29.—There is no rest for the wicked—politician. Less than four weeks ago every man, woman and child in the land was thinking of but little else than the outcome of the Presidential contest; people forgot their meals, and neglected their sleep (even drinks, in their interest for Hancock or Garfield), and, when the returns were in, everybody was satisfied with the fun he had had. And we quite willing to take a rest.

But here we are in Wisconsin getting ready to be all torn up again over Speakerships, and Senatorships, and Cabinet Ministerships. It has recently been discovered that Wisconsin had a long-felt want. Wisconsin had failed to occupy her rightful position in the family of States for the want of cheek! Her sons were all too modest to ask for what they deserved; and notice has been duly served, or soon will be served on the President-elect, that he need not pass Wisconsin in making up his Cabinet for want of material: as Wisconsin is particularly well supplied with material for a first-class Post-master-General, or a Secretary of the Interior. Then that notice has been served Wisconsin will withdraw and await the decision of the rest, who has hurrahed herself hoarse for with becoming dignity. The grand Republican public understands very well that Garfield is as well acquainted with the public men of the entire country as any man in it; he is supposed to know also to whom to give credit for "the break for Garfield" at the Chicago Convention, and just how far the "feeling of gratitude to Wisconsin," of with more or less is being said just now, should be allowed to weigh in the selection of constitutional advisers; and the Republicans will bow to his decision. But we should all be mighty proud to have a real live Badger in the Cabinet. One of the German papers of Milwaukee expresses the hope that Gen. Garfield will consider the capacity to serve the Nation (with a big N) in preference to gratifying the pride of localities. That is eminently sound, and, if followed, lets Wisconsin into the new President's political family.

Our Legislature meets early in January. If reports are true, the session will be merely a formality. The principal business of the session will be to elect Speaker, Clerk, etc., to four Assemblymen, and a United States Senator to succeed Mr. Cameron. That work being already virtually accomplished will rob the session of much of its interest.

It is admitted that the contest for the United States Senatorship will probably be simplified by the appearance on the course of only two contestants.—"Uncle" Philetus Sawyer—the lumber king of Oshkosh—and the Hon. E. W. Keyes, Postmaster at Madison. At the present time it looks as though no third man would dare to take the chances of being defeated. It is said that each has a candidate for Speaker of the Assembly, that the friends of Sawyer will support the Hon. Ira B. Bradford, of Eau Claire County, and that the followers of Mr. Keyes will try to elect the Hon. Mr. McFetridge, of Dodge County. The latter has an excellent record, but the popularity of Mr. Bradford is something almost phenomenal. One of the youngest members of the Assembly, modest almost to diffidence, he won the regard of his fellow-members to such an extent that few men have done since the time that Charles E. Dyer (now on the United States Bench) was elected to the Assembly from this city. There is no doubt but that John Eldred, of Milwaukee, will be reelected without opposition. Racine will furnish one of the candidates for Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly in the person of Col. St. George, one of the members of the old Iron Brigade. Assemblyman Nort. J. Field will champion the cause of that old comrade, whose face shows which way he was going when he met the Rebel bullet, and it will surprise people hereabouts if he is not successful. There being two other candidates, the fun in the caucus will probably centre on the Speakership.

While, as before stated, the prospect is that the Senatorial race will be simplified by having or two candidates enter for the race, the uncertainty which attaches to political strife will not lack many spectators. Gov. Smith will be much that race with a good deal of solicitude, but no one else who has ever tried it before will enter. Washburn is for lawyer, Howe is for Sawyer. Angus Cameron declined a reelection in favor of Sawyer. These are three empty backers, and whatever may be said of the lack of "brilliancy" in Sawyer, the fact that these men, who have known him for years, give him their unconditional support gives great confidence in his entire fitness. Indeed, I will go further and say that Wisconsin has quite enough brilliancy already in the United States Senate, and that Sawyer will supply the other necessary qualities better than any man in the State. The relation of Senator Carpenter to the two candidates is a matter of considerable speculation. On the one hand, it is claimed that he wants Keyes at Washington to relieve him of any care in regard to the distribution of patronage; that Carpenter wants note leisure to attend to his profitable law business, and that he really desires the assistance of such an enthusiastic, energetic worker as Keyes. Besides, Carpenter thinks that Wisconsin needs and might just as well as not have five, or six, or ten more Government Post-Offices and Custom-House buildings like that at Madison, and that, if Keyes were there to assist him, Racine, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Janesville, and other places might be all fixed up before the end of his term. In addition to this, the State Department is here to have a better show in the Diplomatic and Consular service if Keyes were there. How much there is of truth in all this your correspondent is not prepared to say, but unfortunately it is quite vehemently asserted by the other side that Senator Carpenter will use his best efforts to defeat Keyes' election. Certain it is that for some reason the Republican Congressmen from this state are, with perhaps one exception, put down as for Keyes.

Of course, during the past year the Senatorship has been largely discussed, and a great many names have been canvassed, including Judge Frisby, Judge Dyer, Charles L. Colby, Gen. Hinks, and Charles G. Williams. There has been a good deal of pressure brought to bear upon the last-named, but his answer has been invariably, "I think it best to send Mr. Sawyer." Among the inducements for Williams to announce himself a candidate is the fact that every member of the State Senate and Assembly from his Congressional district is a Republican, not a solitary Democrat being among them this year, and it is understood that the first choice of every one of them (Democrat, I recollect right) is himself. But Williams, while making no pretensions that he would not be glad to go over "to the other wing of the Capitol," is content to wait. His political experience has not made him anxious for an uncertain contest of that sort. Representing a district in which the nominating Convention is a mere formality, the action of which is regularly indorsed at the polls by a majority which has for five consecutive times ranged between 4,000 and 7,042—it is not the kind of constituency a man cares to leave for any uncertainty.

The confidence of the friends of Mr. Sawyer is shown in the following table which is published, giving the number of votes already pledged to their favorite. If these figures are true the question is really settled, for they give Sawyer two more than enough to elect him:

District.	No. of votes.	Dis rict.	No. of votes.
First	9	Sixth	15
Second	6	Seventh	10
Third	5	Eighth	9
Fourth	8		
Fifth	7	Total	69

DECATUR.

Trees.

In one grove in California are 1,380 trees, none measuring less than six feet in diameter.

A magnificent white oak stands in the Quaker burying ground in Salem, N. J. It is more than 250 years old, and is remarkable for its amplitude of shade. In one direction its branches have a spread of 112 feet.

The tallest trees in the world are in Australia. A fallen tree in Gippsland measured 455 feet from the root to the highest point of the branches. Another standing in the Dandenong district in Victoria is estimated to be 450 feet from the ground to the top.

The largest chestnut tree in the country is growing on the farm of Solomon Merkie, at Berks, Pa., and is nearly forty feet in circumference at the base. The top of the tree is reached without danger by steps that are fastened between the limbs. It is estimated that this tree contains about seventeen cords of wood. It still yields about three bushels of chestnuts annually.

A russet apple tree in Skowhegan, Me., was planted in 1762. In its branches a playhouse for children has been built for half a century or more. The tree is seven feet from the ground to the branches, five in number, all of which are very large and average thirty-five feet in length, covering a space of ground sixty-three feet in diameter. It is more than four-and-one-half feet in diameter, and has yielded an average of thirty bushels of apples each year. A sprout from this apple tree stands thirty-two feet from the parent stem, but is forty-eight years younger.

Temperance clergymen, lawyers, ladies, and doctors use Hop Bitters, as they do not intoxicate, but restore brain and nerve waste.

BUSINESS.

Money Active at 25 to 44 Per Cent Per Annum in Wall Street.

Stocks Feverish and Bulls Turning into Bears.

Foreign Exchange Strong, Then Weak—The Currency Movement.

The Produce Markets Active and Lower—Long Pork Sold Out Freely—Meats Heavy.

Wheat Very Nervous—Other Grain Unsettled and Weak.

FINANCIAL.

Money was again the centre about which the stock market revolved, with some special phenomena of disturbance like the failure of the Directors of Northwest to make the promised extra dividend. Lenders charged as high as ⅛ per cent premium for money, but toward the close rates became easier, and went from 1-16 per cent premium to the legal rate. Some Chicago operators, to save themselves the extra cost of carrying stocks in New York, borrowed of the Chicago banks and paid for their stocks by telegraphic transfers of the money in New York. Foreign exchange felt the easier tendency of the money market, but toward the close of business weakened again. Seven per cent was paid in Chicago for call loans on Government bond collateral.

Northwest common showed the largest fluctuation, selling as high as 129¾, and as low as 121¼, closing at 121¾, a loss of 6¼. This drop was a sudden change in the market toward the end of business, and was attributed to the failure of the Directors to declare the extra dividend promised for yesterday. It seems that even well-informed men were taken in by this threadbare trick of stock-gambling, and believed the "insiders" who assured them that such a melon would be cut. The street will be probably milked several times by this easy means, just as it was in Western Union last year. Meanwhile, conservative investors will agree in the opinion that the stock is all the better for the failure to increase the dividends on the stock.

Other important fluctuations were a decline of 2½ in Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, to 168; Lake Shore 1¾, to 120¾; St. Paul 1¾, to 107¾; St. Joe preferred 1, to 92; Kansas & Texas 1⅝, to 37¾; Delaware & Hudson 2¾, to 87; Lackawanna 1½, to 101½; Jersey Central 1¾, to 77¾; Chattanooga 2¼, to 73.

Denver & Rio Grande made the largest advance for the day; Mobile & Ohio went up 1, to 22; Omaha preferred 1½, to 84½; and C., C., C. & I. 2½, to [illegible]. The other fluctuations will be found in the table below.

Chicago operators were selling more freely, and a timid short interest has begun to operate.

Brokers here are considerably stirred up by the notifications of their New York correspondents that Chicago brokers were to be charged with their share of the burden of extra interest. Each supposed his New York correspondent to be shrewd and strong enough to have provided himself with time loans at low rates, but as a matter of fact most of the Chicago brokers have had to pay heavy fines for loans in New York to carry their stocks.

Western Union stock was not so much of a favorit with Chicago operators. The ease with which full lines of it could be procured on the declining market excited sensations of distrust, and large amounts of it were sold. Most doleful reports about it are in circulation in New York. Receipts are said to show a decrease of $30,000 a week. Vanderbilt, after vainly trying to effect a consolidation with Gould, sold 50,000 shares, and there's more to follow. All this is so mournful that a sudden rise in the price wouldn't surprise the veterans, though few of them have nibbled at the certificates thrown on the street.

According to the *Graphic* there is sure to be a dividend declared on Canada Southern out of this year's earnings. William H. Vanderbilt is said to favor 4 per cent, while his son Cornelius thinks 3 per cent would be about the right figure. The Pennsylvania coal corporations expect to earn more money in 1881 than before in ten years. The output will probably be 26,000,000 of tons, and there will be but few, if any, stoppages in the production. The Reading Railroad people believe their net earnings for 1881 will exceed $12,000,000. The winter trade of the various companies is very satisfactory.

The following shows the fluctuations of the active stocks:

Stocks.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Chicago, Burl. & Quincy	168¾	....	....	168
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific	123	....	....	123
C. & A.	129	130	128	128¾
C., C., C. & I	80	81¾	80	81¾
Morris & Essex	130	130	118	118
Illinois Central	118¾	....	....	118¾
New York Central	143¼	144	142	142¾
Michigan Central	113¾	114	113¾	113¾
Lake Shore	122	122¾	120¾	120¾
Erie	46	46¾	45¾	45¾
Do preferred	79¾	79¾	78¾	78¾
Erie second mortgages	93¾	93¾	93¾	93¾
Chicago & Northwestern	121	129¾	121¼	121¾
Do preferred	145	145	142	142
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	109¾	109¾	107¾	107¾
Do preferred	121	....	....	121
Wabash, St. Louis & Pac.	42¾	42¾	41¾	41¾
Do preferred	71¾	71¾	70¾	70¾
Ohio & Mississippi	36	36¾	35¾	35¾
Hannibal & St. Jos.	43¾	43¾	42	42
Do preferred	93¾	93¾	92	92
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	38¾	39¾	37¾	37¾
Pacific Mail	47¾	47¾	46¾	46¾
Delaware & Hudson	88	89¾	86¾	87
Delaware, Lack. & Wtern	101¾	103¾	101¾	101¾
New Jersey Central	78	78	77¾	77¾
Philadelphia & Reading	52¾	53¾	51¾	51¾
Manhattan Elevated	33¾	33¾	32	32
Union Pacific	106¾	106¾	104¾	104¾
Iron Mountain	49	49¾	48¾	49
Western Union Tel. Co.	94¾	94¾	93¾	93¾
Atlantic & Pac. Tel. Co.	27¾	27¾	27¾	27¾
Louisville & Nashville	84¾	85	84	84
Nashville & Chattanooga	73¾	73¾	73	73
Lake Erie & Western	50¾	50¾	49¾	49¾
Canada Southern	70¾	70¾	70¾	70¾
Northern Pacific	33¾	....	....	33¾
Do preferred	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾
St. Paul & Omaha	107¾	107¾	107¾	107¾
Do preferred	130¾	....	....	130
Mobile & Ohio	21	22	21	22
Denver & Rio Grande	76¾	....	....	77
Cheseapeake & Ohio	22¾	23¾	22¾	23¾

Government bonds were steady though lower. In Chicago, District of Columbia 3.65s were 100¼ and 100¾; the United States 4s, 111¾ and 111¾; the 4½s were 110⅝ and 111, ex-interest; the 5s, 101⅜ and 101¾; and the 6s, 104 ¼ and 104½.

The foreign exchange market was stronger in the morning, but closed with a weaker feeling. Sterling posted rates were 480 and 482. Bankers' actual rates were 479 for sixty-day bills and 481 for demand. For sixty-day commercial bills for prompt delivery this month 476@476¼ was the market rate. Posted rates for Paris were 525 for sixty days and 522½ for sight. Sixty-day commercial bills, prompt delivery on Havre, 532½@531¾, and Marseilles 531¾@531¼; for three weeks' delivery ⅛ per cent better. Sixty-day commercial bills on Antwerp, deliverable prompt, were 533¾@531⅞; three weeks the same. Bankers' bills on Germany were 95¾ for sixty days and 94¼@94⅝ for demand; sixty-day commercial bills, prompt, 95@95¼; and for three weeks' delivery the same. Bankers' guilders on Holland were 39⅞ for sixty days and 40¼ for demand; sixty-days' commercial were 39¼@39½. Austrian florins, 41¾; Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, 27½. Supply of bills increasing.

The exports of domestic produce from New York for the past week amount to $7,832,241, against $6,020,590 for the corresponding week of 1879. The following table shows the exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New York for the week ending Nov. 30, 1880, compared with the statement of the two previous years:

	1880.	1879.	1878.
For the week	$ 7,832,241	$ 6,020,590	$ 7,195,710
Previously reported	325,457,625	316,189,339	307,308,190
Since Jan. 1	$333,289,866	$322,209,929	$314,503,900

Chicago bank clearings reached the highest figure known, $16,500,000, on account of the large settlements on the Board of Trade. Loans were 6@7 per cent on call and 7@8 per cent on time. Country calls for currency were not so heavy, but New York exchange remained at $1.00@1.25 per $1,000 discount.

On the Chicago Stock Board $500 Cook County 5s were sold at 100¾. The following quotations were made:

	Bid.	Asked
Chicago Water 7s, '92	118¾	119¾
Chicago Water 7s, '94	119¾	....
Chicago Water 7s, '95	120¾	....
Chicago City 7s, '82	118	119
Chicago City 7s, '84	120	....
Chicago City 7s, '86	121¾	....
Chicago City 7s, '87	124	....
Chicago City 6½s, 1900	104¾	105¾
Cook County 7s, '80	100	....
Cook County 7s, '82	114¾	115¾
Cook County 7s, '83	118¾	119¾
Cook County 7s, '84	119¾	120¾
Cook County 6½s, 1900	105	106

West Chicago 6s, '90	103¾	Delaware & Hudson	87
Lincoln Park 7s, '90	107¾	New Jersey Central	77¾
West Park 7s, '91	110	Reading	53⅝
South Park 6s, '90	107	Ohio & Mississippi	35¾
Chicago, M. & St. P. R. R. 7s, Dak. ex	116	Do preferred	92
Chicago, M. & St. P. R. R. 7s, Hast. & Dak.	113¾	Chesapeake & Ohio	22
Chicago, M. & St. P. R. R. 6s, Chic. & Pac.	105	Mobile & Ohio	21
Chicago, St. L., Minn. & Omaha 6s	101	Cleve. & Columbus	81¾
Chicago & N. W. R. R. Sinking Fund	109¾	C., C. & I.	16¾
Chicago, Burlington & Q. 4s, due 1919	90	Ohio Central	23
Chicago, Burlington & Q. 5s, due 1919	103	Lake Erie & Western	34¼
Jacksonville & Eastern 6s	10	Ontario & Western	21¾
Wabash, St. L. & P. 1st mor. 7s Chi. Div.	90¾	B., C. R. & Northern	65
North Chicago City R. R. 6s	111¾	Alton & Terre Haute	32
West Chicago City R. R. 7s	107¾		
West Division City R. R. 6s	107¾		
North Chicago City R. R. Company	135		
West Division City R. R. Company	210		
Chicago City R. R. Company	250		
Gaslight & Coke Company	199		
Chamber of Commerce	75		
Traders' Insurance Company	125½		
Inter-State Ind. Exposition	40		

The Controller of the Currency sends in the following statement dated Dec. 1, 1880, showing the amounts of National-bank notes and of legal-tender notes outstanding at the dates of the passage of the acts of June 20, 1874, Jan. 14, 1875, and May 31, 1878, together with the amounts outstanding at date, and the increase or decrease:

NATIONAL-BANK NOTES.

Amount outstanding June 20, 1874	$349,804,152
Amount outstanding Jan. 14, 1875	351,981,450
Amount outstanding May 31, 1878	322,555,365
Amount outstanding at date	342,564,676
Increase during the last month	2,541,311
Increase since Dec. 1, 1879	3,796,013

LEGAL-TENDER NOTES.

Amount outstanding June 20, 1874	$382,000,000
Amount outstanding Jan. 14, 1875	382,000,000
Amount retired under act of Jan. 14, 1875, to May 31, 1878	55,818,984
Amount outstanding on and since May 31, 1878	346,681,016
Amount on deposit with the Treasurer of the United States to redeem notes of insolvent and liquidating banks, and banks retiring circulation under act of June 20, 1874	21,038,106
Increase in deposit during the last month	478,094
Increase in deposit since Dec. 1, 1879	7,916,257

*Circulation of National gold banks not included in the above, $1,161,360.

Mr. Nimmo, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, has issued, with commendable promptness, his fourth monthly statement for the current fiscal year of the imports and exports of the United States.

The excess of exports of merchandise, stated in specie values, was as follows:

Month ended Oct. 31, 1880	$ 31,657,184
Month ended Oct. 31, 1879	30,044,857
Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1880	105,458,330
Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1879	301,443,763
Twelve months ended Oct. 31, 1880	134,710,074
Twelve months ended Oct. 31, 1879	299,257,152

The excess of imports of gold and silver coin and bullion was as follows:

Month ended Oct. 31, 1880	$ 14,510,270
Month ended Oct. 31, 1879	18,728,347
Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1880	44,048,935
Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1879	55,315,966
Twelve months ended Oct. 31, 1880	67,244,621
Twelve months ended Oct. 31, 1879	43,763,345

The value of the imports of merchandise into the United States during the twelve months ended Oct. 31, 1880, as compared with the corresponding months of the preceding year, is shown as follows:

	Month.	1878.	1879.	*Increase.*
November		$ 38,264,537	$50,407,271	$12,212,734
December		31,516,381	59,602,981	28,086,630
January		33,315,644	47,956,274	14,640,630
February		35,373,419	55,647,471	20,274,052
March		41,856,611	70,886,561	29,029,950
April		41,178,101	64,398,458	23,220,357
May		35,576,086	64,876,640	29,300,554
June		38,800,451	60,514,562	21,624,112
July		41,287,507	57,894,622	16,017,115
August		40,963,269	63,265,340	22,302,350
September		44,224,878	58,226,553	9,001,675
October		47,789,149	54,042,141	6,912,992
12 months ended Oct. 31		$473,338,037	$712,309,071	$239,053,034

In Boston the money market is fairly steady, with a leaning toward increased firmness. In the general market the rate for discounts still ranges from 4 to 5 per cent and upwards, many of the banks doing nothing at less than 4½ per cent, while a certain proportion of the paper offering is ready to accept any rate under 6 per cent. In prime corporation notes and acceptances there is little new to be said. There is no real trustworthy demand for it at less than 4 per cent, although from time to time favorit names are placed at a less rate. But it is still to be said that the best corporations are not generally inclined to borrow at anything over 3½ or 3¾ per cent, and as long as their needs are not urgent they hold off.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK.

[Special dispatches bearing on the financial situation will be found in our regular news dispatches.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Governments were quiet but firm.

Railroad bonds were active but irregular. The important changes were an advance of 1½ in Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 7s and Iron Mountain seconds preferred income, 1¾ in Erie funded 5s, and 1 in Lake Shore registered firsts. Kansas & Texas seconds in the morning advanced 1¼, or to 71, but in the afternoon declined to 70, and International & Great Northern seconds income to 85¾.

State securities were dull. There was an active demand for money throughout the afternoon, and ruling rates were ½@¾ per diem in addition to 6 per cent per annum. Just previous to the close loans were made at ¾@3-16, and, after 3 o'clock, some loans were made at plain 6 per cent.

The stock market opened strong and advanced ¼@1, subsequently declined ¼@1¼, and later advanced ¼@1¼. Toward noon speculation became depressed, and a heavyp ressure to sell was developed in the leading shares, which resulted in a steady decline in prices, the downward tendency continuing throughout the afternoon, and late sales showed a decline from the highest point of 8¾ in Northwestern and ¼ to 3 in the general list, the latter in Delaware & Hudson. In the final dealings a firmer tone prevailed, and the market closed at a recovery of ½ to ¾. There were rumors of settlements of short contracts in Northwestern common late in the day, and the weakness of stock was ascribed to these rumors. Nothing definit, however, could be ascertained in regard to the matter.

The *Graphic* says: "Gould's friends say that he has fully decided to retire from the Union Pacific Directory at the next meeting, and it is stated that the cause of his retirement is because of a disagreement and opposition from the officers to the proposed consolidation with the Central Pacific Road. Nearly all the journals have fallen into the error of reporting a great decline in Louisville, New Albany & Chicago shares. On report of 10 per cent in first mortgage bonds was recently declared. The present stock is selling ex.-dividend. The market value, with the dividend, is about 108."

Transactions, 382,000:

Chi., Burl. & Quincy	2,300	New Jersey Central	9,000
C., C. & I. C.	5,500	New York Central	7,000
Lackawanna	27,400	Northern Pacific	2,700
Delaware & Hudson	5,000	Ohio & Mississippi	2,700
Erie	60,000	Ontario & Western	13,000
Hannibal & St. Joe	6,400	Pacific Mail	5,000
Iron Mountain	2,700	Reading	6,000
Kansas & Texas	1,800	St. Paul	30,000
Lake Shore	12,000	St. Paul & Omaha	2,000
Michigan Central	3,200	Union Pacific	6,000
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	7,700	Wabash Pacific	6,000
Northwestern	60,000	Western Union	61,000
Nashville & Chattanooga	4,800	Del., Lack. & West'n	4,300

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The Treasury bought $113,000 6s of 1880 to-day.

Money active at 6 per cent per annum, and ⅛@¼ per diem. Prime mercantile paper, 5@6c.

Sterling exchange, 60 days strong, 479¾; sterling demand, 481¾.

The *Evening Post* says: "Private advices received to-day by leading bankers say that if the gold exports to this country continue long the Bank of England rate will be put up, otherwise it will not be changed."

The steamer Oder brought $1,004,462 foreign specie (British and French coin), and the Cimbria $212,300 in French coin.

The Treasury up to noon to-day has been able to get only $32,000 6s of 1880 at 102⅞.

The *Bulletin* says: "Notwithstanding the hopes of yesterday that the 'money squeeze' had culminated, there has been no day when borrowers have paid higher rates than to-day, nor when there has been greater difficulty in getting loans. A large part of all the money borrowed on stocks to-day cost a commission, and yet with this money market the rates for bills on London were advanced half a cent for 60-day and a full cent for short date remittances. It looks as if the limit of utilizing London capital to support New York speculation was not far off, as we know that several influential foreign bankers to-day got word from London that anything like a continuance of the present movement in gold from London here would be met by decisive action on the part of the Bank of England."

GOVERNMENTS.

1881s	104¼	4s	111¼
New 5s	101¾	Pacific 6s of 1895	126
New 4½s	110¾		

BONDS.

Louisiana	51¾	Virginia, deferred	11¾
Missouri	100	Consolidated	114½
St. Joe	105¾	U. P. firsts	114¾
Tennessee, old	47	U. P. land-grant	113
Tennessee, new	44	U. P. Sinking-fund	103
Virginia, old	27	Lehigh & Wilkesbarre	125
Virginia, new	28	Erie seconds	70¾
Virginia, consols	70		

STOCKS.

Rock Island	123	Do preferred	109
Panama	248	Wab., St. L. & Pacific	41¾
Fort Wayne	124	Do preferred	76¾
Clev. & Pittsburg	130	Hannibal & St. Joe	41¾
Illinois Central	119¾	Do preferred	92
Chi., Burl. & Quincy	168	Iron Mountain	49¾
Chicago & Alton	137¾	St. L. & San Francisco	39¾
Do preferred	140	Do preferred	51
New York Central	141	Do first preferred	83¾
Harlem	230	C. St. L. & N. O.	37¾
Lake Shore	120¾	Kansas & Texas	37¾
Canada Southern	70	Union Pacific stock	104¾
Michigan Central	113¾	Central Pacific	89¾
Erie	45¾	Northern Pacific	33¾
Do preferred	78¾	Do preferred	69¾
Northwestern	122	Louisville & Nash	83
Do preferred	143	Nashv. & Chattanooga	73¾
St. Paul	107¾	L., N. A. & C.	30
Do preferred	130¾	Houston & Texas	20
St. Paul & Omaha	35	D. & R. G.	77
Do preferred	84	W. U. Tel. Co	93¾
Del., Lack. & West'n	101¾	A. & P. Tel. Co	27
Morris & Essex	117¾	Pacific Mail	46¾

Delaware & Hudson	87	Adams	117¼
New Jersey Central	77¾	Fargo	113
Reading	53⅝	American	64¾
Ohio & Mississippi	35¾	United States Express	61
Do preferred	92	Quicksilver	13
Chesapeake & Ohio	22	Do preferred	47
Mobile & Ohio	21	Caribou	9¾
Cleve. & Columbus	81¾	Central Arizona	8
C., C. & I.	16¾	Homestake	2
Ohio Central	23	Standard	23½
Lake Erie & Western	34¼	Exonisior	1
Ontario & Western	21¾	Little Pittsburg	4
B., C. R. & Northern	65	Ontario	32½
Alton & Terre Haute	32		

BOSTON.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Business at the Stock Exchange to-day was only moderately active, the irregularity of the New York market rather than the growing closeness of money here affecting the amount of transactions. The more prominent feature of the market was the continued advance in Hartford & Erie bonds, and in New York & New England stock. The latter sold at 47¾, and the former at 48. The movement comes from New York, and may be stimulated by the closing of the books on Saturday for the election next week; Eastern 4½s improved ⅝; Little Rock 7s were firm at 110, and New York & New England 7s were quoted at 113¼ bid, and the 6s at 103¾; Rutland 6s were at 99¾. Atchison was firm at 141 sales and bid; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy advanced a point to 171¾, but was weak as compared with the dealings of yesterday; Chicago & West Michigan on a sale of fifteen shares touched 73¾, and 73¼ bid; Sandusky was neglected at 16½ bid. Eastern showed signs of weakening at 33 and 32½ sales, and 33 bid; 200 shares of Flint sold at 24, and Fort Scott was unchanged at 64. Little Rock jumped from 62¾ to 64; New York & New England worked up gradually from 45¾ to 47⅜, and Ontario & Western was active at 21½, 21⅜, and 21¾. Rutland, preferred, continued steady at 70½, but showed a weak undertone, and Summit Branch sold at 21¼ and 21½, with the latter bid. The home roads were dull and without change.

Fifty shares of Boston Land sold at 7, 90 of Water Power at 9¾, or ⅛ better than at the close last night, and 40 of Boylston at 2, with 1¾ bid. New Hampshire was quoted at 3¼ and 4 bid; no sales.

The action of the Directors of the Mining Exchange in this city in voting to list all the miscellaneous stocks and bonds sold in the Boston and New York markets will require several months at least to demonstrate the wisdom of it. In making the change it really establishes a second Board, in many respects antagonistic to the old Board, by the members of which it is quite safe to say a thing of little importance and destined to be short lived.

The Denver story that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company has purchased the Golden Boulder, Caribou & Pacific Road is denied by Messrs. Burlington & Quincy people in Boston, and concerning the revived story that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy is to build from Peoria to Toledo, President Forbes says it is news to him.

To the Western Associated Press.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Stocks closed:

Atchison & T. 1st 7s	124	Cin., San & Cleve	103¾
Land-Grant 7s	121	Eastern Railroad	93
Second 7s	136	Flint & Père Marq	24
Land 8s	120	Little R. & Ft. Smith	64
Boston, H. & Erie 7s	47	N. Y. & New England	45¾
Eastern R. R. 4½s	99¾	Ogdensb'g & L. C., pfd.	75
Kansas City & L. 8s	100	O. & L. C., common	22¾
K. C., St. Jo & C. B. 7s	115¾	Old Colony	136
L. R. & Ft. S. 7s	109½	Pueblo & Ark. Valley	19
N. Y. & N. England 7s	114	Rutland, pfd	29¾
Atchison & T. R. R.	141¾	Rutland, common	8¾
Chicago, B. & Q.	169¾		

FOREIGN.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Consols, 98 15-16; account, 99 3-16.

American securities—New 5s, 104½; 4½s, 115; 4s, 116.

Railroad shares—Illinois Central, 125; Pennsylvania Central, 65; New York Central, 143½; Erie, 46; seconds, 102; Reading, 37¼.

The rates of discount in the open market for three months bills is 2⅝; below the Bank of England rate ½.

The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £1,000,000 the past week. The proportion of the bank's reserve to its liability is 48 15-16 per cent.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Rentes, 85f 85c.

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a decrease of 4,020,000 francs in gold and 8,979,000 francs in silver.

MINING NEWS.

NEW YORK.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The mining stock market was active to-day. Closing quotations:

Amie	30	Green Mountain	500
Boston Consolidated	140	Horn Silver	1400
Bulwer	155	Independence	55
Best and Belcher	870	Iron Silver	310
Buckeye	18	La Crosse	31
Bull Domingo	425	La Plata	800
Calaveras	100	Leadville	16
California	155	Little Chief	105
Caledonia, B. H.	160	Malachite	160
Consolidated Virginia	205	May Belle	116
Chrysolite	6¾	Mineral Creek	145
Climax	55	Moose	105
Columbia Consolidat'd	120	Mexican	630
Crown Point	170	Navajo	400
Consolidated Imperial	23	Ophir	525
Copper Knob	14	Sierra Nevada	725
Dahlonega	10	Silver King	1100
Durango	27	Silver Nugget	20
Eureka Consolidated	1⅝	Spring Valley	445
Findley	5	Sutro Tunnel	45
Gold Placer

number of hands will be thrown out of employment. The *Globe-Democrat* says:

The suspension of operations will be for a period of about four months. The reason given by the officers of the company for closing up is that the expenses during the winter season are too heavy, and would entail considerable loss. Besides, it has been customary to close at this season of the year. The only persons to suffer are the women, many if not all the men being able to secure employment at stockyards and elsewhere.

CATTLE—Light activity characterized the general market, and values were without important change. For anything below choice, however, the feeling was weak.—con sessions being the order of the day. New York and other Eastern markets are considerably "off" on common and medium grades from last week's prices, and, as our receipts of those descriptions continue pretty full, there was considerable pressure in the direction of low prices, but the market held up remarkably well,—the average decline not exceeding 5c. Choice and extra, though in larger supply than for several days previous, were firmly held, under a good shipping and export demand. Fat butchers' cows and fair to good mixed lots were taken at rather full prices, but inferior grades not wanted except at a reduction. Sales ranged from $2.50@2.75 for scrubs, to $5.90@6.10 for extra. At prices ruling the bulk of the offerings sold between 700 and 900 head. Shippers bought mostly at $3.75@5.00. Stockers, unless of good quality, were not readily salable, the supply of poor to medium grades being too plentiful. Veals were in demand at $4.50@5.50 per 100 lbs, and stock calves at $3.00@4.00 per head. The receipts of hogs have mostly fallen off of late. The general market finished quiet and steady:

QUOTATIONS:

Extra Beeves—Graded steers, weighing 1,600 lbs and upwards.....$5.75@6.35
Choice Beeves—Fine, fat, and well-formed steers, weighing 1,450 to 1,600 lbs.....5.00@5.50
Good Beeves—Well-fattened steers, weighing 1,200 to 1,400 lbs.....4.40@4.75
Medium—Fair to good butchers' stock, weighing 1,050 to 1,250 lbs.....3.90@4.25
Butchers' Stock—Poor to common steers and common choice cows for city slaughter, weighing 850 to 1,050 lbs.....2.50@3.15
Stock Cattle—Common cattle, weighing 600 to 1,000 lbs.....2.50@3.15
Inferior—Light and thin cows, heifers, stags, bluil, and scalawag steers.....1.75@2.40

CATTLE SALES.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
11	1,022	$6.10	25	1,230	$5.30
20	1,000	6.00	24	1,154	5.25
20	1,007	5.90	30	1,195	4.90
20	1,007	5.80	16	1,301	4.10
19	1,000	5.75	15	1,213	3.90
17	1,475	5.15	16	1,213	3.75
18	1,494	5.00	20	1,130	3.60
18	1,494	5.00	20	1,126	3.10
20	1,513	5.00	60	960	3.35
20	1,513	5.00	61	Texas	1,003	3.25
20	1,543	5.55	20	1,077	3.15
21	1,488	5.10	20	900	3.10
1111	1,050	5.00	20	1,000	3.00
20	1,350	5.00	17	942	3.00
68	1,381	4.85	26	724	3.00
20	1,350	4.85	20	stockers	1,004	3.00
20	1,314	4.75	16	940	2.90
20	1,314	4.50	61	Texas	902	2.90
20	1,256	4.50	17	709	2.80
20	1,256	4.50	17	709	2.80
20	1,256	4.50	17	stockers	894	2.70
16	1,250	4.50	20	1,078	2.70
20	1,256	4.50	17	1,013	2.65
34	1,297	4.50	21	799	2.60
20	1,256	4.12½	15	799	2.60
20	1,256	4.12½	20	1,000	2.50
16	1,176	4.00	20	cows	980	2.35
16	1,207	4.00	11	cows	927	2.35
20	1,256	4.00	19	cows	874	2.30
20	1,210	4.10	20	cows	781	2.25
20	1,256	4.00	15	cows	905	2.15

HOGS—It was a dull and drooping market. Early estimates placed the receipts at from 40,000 to 54,000, and a prices basis of previous days were again reported "off," the market for the live animal continued depressed. Some trading was done early at about the closing prices of Wednesday, but the market grew weaker as the day advanced, and before noon a decline of 5@10c had taken place. All grades were affected, though the best and poor lights were especially hard to move, no one appearing to want them even at the reduced prices. Of the latter class there were numerous sales at $2.50@3.40, while those of fair to good averages brought from $3.60@3.90. Packers were not anxious for any kind of a bid. Country shippers made up to realize the folly of sending such "prize" to market at the present time, when there is such a surplus of hogs. The market finished very weak, at $4.35@4.60 for common to best light; at $4.35@4.55 for poor to choice heavy, and at $3.60@4.15 for inferior to prime mixed packing and shipping lots. A shrinkage of 40 lbs for piggy sows, and 80 lbs for stags.

HOG SALES.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
78	255	4.60	67	256	4.70	74	249	4.60
79	268	4.60	67	246	4.70	41	206	4.60
80	218	4.60	80	263	4.70	167	178	4.60
80	218	4.60	80	263	4.70	80	218	4.60
68	197	4.45	34	308	4.70	80	200	4.55
80	218	4.60	80	263	4.70	80	198